

#### BY RUTH GLEDHILL AND LIN JENKINS

FUNDAMENTAL change is needed to stop young people abandoning the Church of England in droves, the General Synod is to be told after a study found that youth attendance had dropped by a third

in seven years. Youngsters are becoming increasingly alienated, in spite of the growth of the evangelical movement, so-called happy clappy" services and alternative styles of worship, and their lack of interest threatens the future of Anglicanism into the next century.

the report says. The Church's Board of Education working party urges bishops and the Church hierarchy to consider pledging a third of funds to the under 25s, decentralising power to allow more young people a role in decision making, and develop-ing new forms of worship ing new forms of worship. The report. Youth A Part, is the result of a three-year examination of the extent. nature and purpose of work with 11 to 25-year-olds. If found that while the Church still played a pivotal role with

young people at christenings. marriages and funerals, it failed to draw them in on a

from previous years.

based organisations. Youth

clubs, Guide and Scout groups

meeting at church halls all

went into sharp decline be-

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tween 1987 and 1993 - for example, the number of 18 to 20-year-olds going to youth clubs fell over 40 per cent. With almost a third of the

population aged under 25. the working party says that steps need to be taken to involve them in the running of the Church. Only 1 per cent of those serving on parochial church councils are aged under 25 - about 2.000 people. There are however, nearly 10.000 young bell ringers, 21,000 acting as servers and more than 28,000 who sing in choirs.

Large numbers of young people still marry in church there were 69.531 brides and grooms aged under 25 in 1994 - yet they fail to go to Sunday services. The working party was

chaired by the Rt Rev Ian Harland, Bishop of Carlisle, who described the picture as "bleak" and called for the Church and young people to find common ground. But while he said the decline

seemed to be accelerating, he thought it was partly a result of a general change that had seen young people abandoning many organisations.

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By Peter Riddell in New York and Philip Webster

TONY BLAIR flew into New York last night to tell some of the world's leading financiers that a Labour Britain would be a safe bet for their investments.

Within hours of arriving for a three-day visit, the Labour leader told a Wall Street audience that he was a "passionate free-trader and unashamed anti-protectionist". He assured them of his commitment to enterprise and promised that Labour would set tax rates that would not deter overseas companies.

Setting the tone for a trip that is designed to convince international financial opinion that Labour has changed

for good. Mr Blair assured executives that the old image 10 of a "high tax and spend" party was dead and buried, and that he would retain the key elements of Margaret Thatcher's trade union reforms.

that previous Labour leaders - even Neil Kinnock in the early days of the modernising crusade - would have found difficult to deliver for fear of angering leftwingers at home. That Mr Blair was able to do so, probably expecting no more than a murmur of protest, was further confirmation of his domination over his

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**Tony Blair leaving** Heathrow yesterday

Policy test

Labour has the best policies on ten of the 14 most important general election issues, according to a MORI poll for The Times. It is well ahead on economic and social issues and trails only on questions of

international stage - culminating tomorrow in talks at the White House with President Clinton and Vice-President Al Gore - and senior Tory strategists are resigned to his being feted in Washing-ton, even though his arrival yesterday was overshadowed by the funeral of Ron Brown, the US Commerce Secretary killed in a plane crash in Croatia last week.

Prime Minister said yesterday: "Clinton will want to punish us. There is no doubt about that." He was referring to anger among Democrats during the last presidential campaign when Conservative strategists went over to help in the campaign to re-elect George Bush. Tory MPs were furious at the move, which they felt at the time would be

counter-productive. There was also controversy

to raise his profile on the

One close adviser to the

party and its conversion to the market economy. His audience yesterday included representatives from BZW, Goldman Sachs, S G Warburg and Lazards. George Soros, the billionaire trader whose activities put the pound under the heaviest pressure during the ERM fiasco, also asked to see him. Mr Blair told them that Labour had changed since they last knew it in government and was changing still. It was moderate, committed to economic stability and would eset tough inflation targets. While there would be real change under a Labour ad-ministration -- particularly in

Labour confident

of by-election win

John Major's Commons ma-jority will fall to one tonight if the Conservatives lose the

Staffordshire south-east by-

After a busy final day of

campaigning, Labour was confident of overturning the

7.192 Tory majority. If they do

so, the Prime Minister's 21-

seat majority at the 1992 general election will have

been all but wiped out, leav-

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vatives' decision to send Re-

publican sympathisers a sheaf the fields of training, educaof quotations from Mr Blair. tion and welfare - there allegedly detailing his "unwould also be elements of continuity, notably with the American activities". Mr Blair can be certain that Mr Clinton will give him an

trade union reforms. Mr Blair also promised a more positive attitude to Europe than had been seen in recent years, adding that a sound Anglo-American relationship depended on strength in Europe. The real threat in Europe and the US was coming from a "vocal, protectionist, isolationist and extreme

right wing", he said. Emphasising that the days of high taxing and spending were gone. Mr Blair said Labour understood that tax rates must be competitive internationally to attract international business investment - a theme that he will develop today in a speech to the US-UK chamber of commerce setting out how industry and government can work together for the common good. Mr Blair's visit is intended

#### entirely different reception from that accorded to Mr Kinnock by Ronald Reagan in 1987. He got short shrift at the White House and Mr Rea-gan's press spokesman then issued a hothy disputed account of the meeting. Mr Blair and Mr Clinton, by contrast, are reported to have got on well when they met for a lengthy chat in London last November. The Labour Leader has already benefited from exten-sive advance publicity in America and he will make a

number of television appearances during his visit, includ-ing an eight-minute interview on the ABC network television breakfast show, Good Morning America.

Chicago nightclub.

though no charges have been made. The incident is said to

have happened in the fashion-

able Clique discotheque on the

### Mike Tyson, who is out on parole. Now he faces an accusation of sexual assault Tyson denies sex attack in club

#### FROM QUENTIN LETTS IN NEW YORK

MIKE TYSON, the heavythe allegation, saying there weight boxing champion, is was no truth in the claims. under investigation after a The 25-year-old woman, woman complained of sexual identified only as an Indiana assault. She said she was beautician and the co-owner of badly treated by him in a an off-licence, telephoned police at 6am on Monday. Her Police said yesterday that "a lawyer submitted a formal, report involving Mike Tyson has been made and will be under investigation," alwritten complaint of sexual battery on Tuesday night. For Tyson, the accusation

is an echo of his 1992 conviction for raping Desiree Washington, a contestant in the Miss Black America beauty pageant. He served three years in jail, and is on parole. On his release last year, the boxer said he intended to live a omet, devout life as a Muslim.

His first stop on leaving prison was a mosque, and he took to wearing Islamic garb. His daily literature, we learnt, was the Koran.

In recent months, however, as he has rediscovered his form in the ring -- including victory over the WBC champi-

on Frank Bruno to regain a world title - and renewed his acquaintance with some of the characters who run boxing, there have been signs of a return to a less strict regime. His recent 30th birthday party in New York was said to have been attended by "lots of beautiful women with hardly any clothes on".

egular basis. Since 1987, Sunday attendance among those aged 14 to

In a foreword to the report. the Archblshop of Canterbury, Dr George Carey, recalled that the Church was always "one generation away from

17 has fallen by nearly 35 per cent to just 60,739. In the same period, attendance among 18 to 21-year-olds has fallen by 34.) per cent to 39,955, Church extinction". He added: "We are called upon, as a Church. to proattendance in the 22 to 25 age claim the faith afresh in each group is 53,405, although generation'. My hope is that there is no comparative figure this report will stimulate us to do precisely that, so that many Research by the Centre for Theology and Education at Trinity College, Carmarthen, thousands of young people may come to find, as I did over 40 years ago, that excitement, has also found a drop in attendance at other churchchallenge and satisfaction of a living relationship with Christ."

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city's South Side, where Tyson went on Sunday after visiting a mosque. Yesterday, the Tyson camp backed the boxer's denial of Tax seminars, page 10 **Endangered Tory MP** יילרוזין וררייל אורי) איילרוזין ורריין לאורי) gets survival manual

#### BY JAMES LANDALE, POLITICAL REPORTER

ANTHONY STEEN, MP. ly set out to suggest "a level of may have hit on a growth industry. He has written a formality": Walk down the the street guide for a fellow Conservaduring house visits leaving tive on how to keep his party activists to knock on marginal seat.

Mr Steen, the member for South Hams, an MP since 1973 and author of TIPS (Tested Ideas for Political Success), was commissioned by Gary Waller to tell him what he needs to do to hang on to his marginal consituency of

Keighley (majority 3,596) in

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doors, but "keep your eyes open to avoid being run down by a car ; Associate yourself more closely with disadvantaged groups, such as the disabled and single parents. Mr Steen and a dozen other experienced MPs first began

the former party chairman. The "Chairman's Men" have written reports on some 20 advice.

said yesterday: "I gave him very high marks. All I was doing was a little fine tuning. But to give him an alpha-plus

Mr Waller welcomed the report and said he was acting on the advice except the criticism that he failed to provide enough leadership. "I don't think I would necessarily accept that." he said.



Constable, but I'd like to

add we both thought you

handled the car superbly

at high speed"

### British aid worker trapped in Liberia BY SAM KILEY

TEENAGE soldiers armed with machineguns and automatic rifles went on a looting rampage in Monrovia, Liberia's capital. trapping a British aid worker in his flat last

night. John Hare, an engineer working for Save the Children, ignored the chance to be evacuated in order to act as a logistical co-ordinator for the medical agencies coping with the wounded on the streets.

Mr Hare, 47, a father of three from Hatherleigh in Devon, was described by the charity's overseas director as

trouble and they needed his help. I don't get used to these situations but I accept his job and support him in it," she

Bart Witteveen, Save the Children team leader, said that looting was widespread have three penalty points put | throughout Mamba Point, the on his licence \_\_\_\_\_ Pages 3, 17 | beachside suburb from where

American helicopters flew other foreigners to safety in neighbouring Sierra Leone. Last night the operation was being hampered by rain. "Looters are working their

way through the area stealing cars and other equipment from the aid agencies and the United Nations. Pretty much every parking lot is being workerd over by boys with their guns," he said from the

flat where he was trapped. After seven years of civil war Liberians have grown accustomed to the rattle of machineguns and the crash of artillery around their capital. What really scared them were the teenage gunmen who take conflict as an excuse for looting

At the Mamba Point Hotel, also close to the American embassy, a receptionist said that he had come to work last Friday before the fighting between Roosevelt Johnson and Liberia's fragile coalition government broke out. "I have not been home since then."

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West Yorkshire. The blunt analysis in the 16page report is the most com-prehensive guide to handling constituents since kissing babies was first suggested. Among the advice to Mr Waller is: Hold tea parties for Bangladeshi and Pakistani children to improve links with the local Asian community;

and sports trophies for school children - dubbed the "Gary Waller Awards" - to get to be known by local parents; Make sure that invitations for coffee mornings are not handscrawled but are proper-

advising fellow Tories at the instigation of Jeremy Hanley,

M11. would have been unreal." his force's police authority. He has already paid a fixed penalty fine of £40 and will

MPs who asked for their When asked of his assess-ment of Mr Waller, Mr Steen

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Mr Gunn, an expert on DNA and counter-terrorism, apologised for the incident. which will be considered by added.

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### **HOME NEWS**

### **BR** sale chief to quit job two years early

By JONATHAN PRYNN TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

THE man responsible for selling off British Rail's passenger services announced vesterday that he is to quit two years early. Roger Salmon, who became rail franchise director in November 1993 for a five-year term, has told the Government he wants to leave after three years in October.

The embarrassing announcement comes as the Office of Passenger Rail Franchising (Opraf), which he heads, enters negoriations over the sale of the politically sensitive ScotRail and West Coast Main Line franchises.

Mr Salmon, 50, has been under intense political pressure to rush through the sale of franchises since he took the job and has faced constant criticism from opponeots of privatisation.

His tenure has been dominated by disputes over the sale of rail services, including his decision to axe the Fort William sleeper, which was later reversed; two [astminute court challenges to the sale of franchises; and the embarrassing withdrawal of the LTS franchise hours before it was due to be transferred to its managers. The Government had

hoped to sell 5) per cent of services by April 1, but only 17 per cent were operating in

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Salmon: intense political pressure

the private sector by the deadline.

Labour seized on Mr Salmon's departure as further evidence of the imminent collapse nr privatis-atinn. Clare Short, the Shadow Transport Secrelary, described Mr Salmon as "a rat leaving the sinking ship". He was getting out of the industry before a Labour

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government could sack him. Mr Salmon insisted, however, that he had always intended to step down after the sale of the first handful of British Rail train franchises. Two have been sold so far and a further four are close to completion. It had been

his most demanding job. He said: "I have done what I feel I came here to dn." The sale of franchises would be at an advanced stage by the autumn. "I therefore feel it is appropriate for me and for the long term health of Opraf to hand over to someone else."

Sir George Young, the Transport Secretary, paid tribute to Mr Salmon's leadership and his successes in preparing the passenger franchises and securing their transfer to private ownership". wake of the British crisis. No

## EU postpones decision on beef byproducts ban

BY CHARLES BREMNER IN BRUSSLS AND MICHAEL HORNSBY, AGRICULTURE CORRESPONDENT

the Commission's emphasis

Only Sweden showed any

sign of supporting British

efforts to ease the curbs. "Member states linked very

directly any easing of a ban

with a clear eradication and

became the focus of world

attention after the infection of

ten patients with CJD and the

demands for the slaughter of

Experiments carried out by

the US Department of Agri-culture have failed to repro-

duce the symptoms of mad cow disease (BSE) after cows

were injected with material

In a survey carreid out hy the National Association of

Schoolmasters and Union of

Women Teachers, more than

2,000 of the 3,500 teachers

who returned questionnaires

said they had experienced victimisation at school. Often

from senior staff but some-

times from governors and

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resistance to any casing of the satisfaction, however, from THE blanket han on British beef remained in force last ban was so stong that the night after senior European Commission recided not to Union officials turned a deaf table a formal proposal for a ear to calls for beef byproducts vote yesterday Instead, it will seek an opinion on the byprod-ucts from at EU medical such as gelatin and tallow to be removed from the prohibitproducts body which meets on

Monday. ; ; Keith Mildrum, the Gov-ernment's Chief Veterinary There had been no prospect of lifting the meat embargo, but the Commission in Brus-Officer, was/given a sceptical sels had hoped that the Standhearing wich he repeated Britain's argument that the ing Veterinary Committee would agree to allow the export ban yas not justified by export of the two byproducts. used in a broad range of food, cosmetics and medicines. Last any evidence linking bovine spongiform encephalopathy in cattle to Creutzfeldt-Jakob week the World Health Organisation said that these cardisease, de human equivaried no risk of passing on lent. "mad cow" disease. However,

British officials took some

### **Clinton orders destruction** of British cattle in America

#### BY TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON AND NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR.

of BSE have THE slaughter of all British symptoms emerged in biannual monitor-ing of the cattle which arrived canle exported to America was ordered yesterday as the Clinin America before a 1989 ban ton Administration launched an investigation into the myson British animal imports. trutlence of CID, mean-

terious human brain illness linked to mad cow disease. while is very small and the discase is only known to afflict A herd of 113 British cows in one in a million Americans 21 states will be incinerated every year. But the Centres for and their brains examined for Disease Cootrol and Prevenbovine spongiform encephation greed this week that the lopathy while doctors in Minnesota, California, Connecfour states should act as experiments for a universal ticut and Oregon begin tracking carriers of Creuztracking programme to ensure feldi-Jakob Disease, its huthe immediate recognition of any increase in numbers. man form. Both are seen as precautionary measures in the

The decision by the CDC taken from sheep with scrapie, comes only weeks after Britain a related disease.

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Gavin Strang, Shadow Ag-riculture Minister, said: "Most people expected some movement from the veterinary control programme from Britain." Gerry Kiely, spokesman for Franz Fischler, the Farm comminee. Clearly the Gov-Commissioner, said. ernment has a lot of work to do "Governments are clearly to persuade other governnot prepared to do anything at this stage to jeopardise fragile consumer confidence, which is ments that the new measures are in place and are being

effectively implemented." gradually building up." The Ministry of Agriculture Even if the byproducts are allowed, there is little prospect said it was disappointed by the decision. "We had at least that the main export ban will be eased until the Government sarisfies other EU states that it has a plan for a selective cull to remove all possible traces of the BSE from the food chain. Consumption of beef has fallen 15 to 30 per cent, according

last week.

to trade estimates in France, Germany and Belgium. Beef traders told the Prime Minister last night that their industry was "within days nf collapsing like a house of cards". The warning was contained in a letter delivered to

hoped that gelatin would have

been taken off the list of

banned products." a spokes-

man said. "There is absolutely

no scientific reason for its

inclusion, as the World Health

Organisation pointed out only

10 Downing Street by the International Meat Trade As-American experts, however sociation, which represents all sectors of the industry other have questioned the British Government's belief that mad cow disease was caused by than farmers. feeding canle on contaminated

The association wants John Major to take personal charge of a rescue plan. It suggests the Government buy the unwanted beef and keep it in deep-freeze for possible sale in the future if new scientific evidence shows it to be safe.

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### NEWS IN BRIEF Drug smuggler visits cannabis museum

Britain's first museum devoted to the history and usage of cannabis opened its doors to East London yestenday with a cannable opened its doors to cast London yesterbay with a guest appearance by Howard Marks, the former interna-tional drug smuggler released from jail in America last year. Police decided to take no actioo against the museum, hut said they would monitor its activities.

Mr Marks said he had come to promote legalisation and was concerned about the stifling of debate, Robert Christopher, 28, a former civil engineer who runs the museum in Shoreditch, said: "We are doing nothing illegal. The one thing you will not find bere is the leaves and flowering tops of the plaot." The museum displays pipes and other users' materials. Another exhibit shows how cannabis is grown and harvested and there are displays of marijuana posters.

### Dunblane gym razed

Workmen moved into Danblane primary school yesterday to begin demolishing the gym where 16 children and their class teacher were shot dead four weeks ago by Thomas. Hamilton. Several parents who lost their children in the tragedy had asked to see the demolition to help wiff their grieving. Police and social workers arranged to escut them and stay while they watched.

### Photocards for drivers

New plastic driving licences carrying a pbotngraph of the holder will be introduced early next year, the Government announced yesterday. The change is part of a European initiative that will include a written examination as part of the driving test. Surveys suggest that 80 per cent of people are in favour of the idea, although there have been fears that it will double up as an identity card.

### Cunard sued over reef

The Egyptian Government is demanding £16 million in damages from the Cunard cruise line after the Royal Viking Star carved a huge hole in a protected Red Sea coral reef last week. Egyptian officials fear, that the damaged area of the Ras Mohammed reef. which harbours rare tropical fish, could take a century to grow back. A Cunard spokesman said: "We are fully insured."

### Tube tries safety bounce

London Transport is considering spending £1 million on plastic shields to cover gaps between Tube train carriages in stop passengers falling unin the track as they board. The 1.5m-high barrier is attached to the carriages by straps. resembling bungee cords and passengers who fall against them are bounced back onto the the platform. The denice will be tested on one Piccadilly Line train next month.

### Cup finalist in court

Nell Ruddock, a defender with Liverpool Football Club, is to appear in court charged with obstructing police after a, crash involving his sports car in January. Ruddock has been summoned to face Southport Magistrales on May 9, his 28th birthday and two days before Liverpool's FA Cup Final against Manchester United. A 17-year-old girl from Formby. Merseyside, will appear on a similar charge.

Brownsea rescue

BY DAVID CHARTER, EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT teacher who was scared to go TEACHERS will today call for industrial action over the home to look after her sick rising tide of school bullying child, brought her into school which they say they suffer at the hands of their own head in a hlanket. :5 Brian Rohinson, who comteachers and senior staff.

**Teachers call for** 

action to curb

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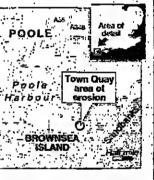
The bullying governor is the parish priest and, as such, is unassailable. I have now left." A male teacher bullied by a female head .teacher in a special school said: "She physically hit one member of staff. She wrote 'Dead, dead' on my desk in red chalk. The woman was deranged but an one wanted in deal with it." than prepared to bring members out in a school if it can be The survey received the shown a member is being victimised and there is sup-port in the school. Why highest proportion of complaints from teachers in indcpendent schools. A female shouldn't we take action?" I Mr de Gruchy vesterday teacher bullied hy a female head in an independent school distanced his union from said: "She employs every moves at the National Union method she can to intimidate of Teachers' conference carlier staff. I have witnessed men this week to campaign for a leave her office in tears. She more positive image for lesbi-ans and gays in schools. drove me to start smoking again. She is becoming mure 'f don't think it is right for a of a niegalomaniac as each teacher to come into school day passes." and say 1 am homnsexual or 1 There was also a significant am heterosexual. There is a response from women teachresponsibility on schools to ers who felt bullied because keep contentious issues out of they were pregnant. One the classroom." By ROBIN YOUNG Britain's The castle, regarded by ing the nation's favourite his-

top prize at last night's a wards ceremony at the Cafe Royal in London, went to Chatsworth. the home of the Duke and Duchess of Devonshire. which had been won the Historic Hnuses Association category and was declared overall favourite among all the competing properties. The Gold Award was presented by Lord Montagu of Beaufieu al

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wanted to support "collective resistance" to victimisation. He said: "We have suddenly become aware of this very serious problem. In a very few cases the bullving resulted in violence to the person and property. It is unerly appalling. If you dealt with children like this everyone would be on your back. But when we deal with each other like this. people say life is like that." The report. No Place To Hide. calls for a series of measures including a new law on workplace bullying and for all schools to set up andbullying policies for their staff. Nigel de Gruchy, the union's general secretary, added: "We should be more

Emergency work is to be undertaken to prevent Brownsea Island in Poole harbour. Dorset. from being caten away by the sca. The National Trust. which since 1961 has nwned the 500-acre site where Baden-Powell founded the Scout movement in 1907. is to build an underwater "rock armour". consisting of 10,000 tonnes of bnulders. to shore up the crumbling



jetty and sea wall. Marine engineers have advised that the structures, and half a dozen cottages behind them, may not survive another winter. Parts of the island's eastern shore are being eroded at the rate of a yard a year. The work, which is expected to cost \$250,000, is due to start in September.

### Family of 17 evicted

A family of 17 are to be evicted from their council house in Wythenshowe, Greater Manchester, after 500 complaints, The 50-year-old woman, who has ten children, and her family were given 48 hours to leave by Salford County Court which was told that the family was chronically noisy, threatened violence and was involved in burglary. In 1994 police arrested the woman and described ber as "ugly".

### Meditate, then cogitate

Scientists at California State University. Long Beach have discovered that transcendental meditation really does make the brain work better. They have showo that during meditation blood flow in the brain increases significantly, which implies increased mental activity, while ordinary relaxation produces only a tiny increase. .

### Warwick Castle is family favourite

WARWICK CASTLE was named last night as the historic property in Britain that has done must to involve families in the enjoyment and appreciation heritage.

many as the finest medieval castle in England, was chosen as winner of The Times Family Award from more than 160 properties nominated hy members of the public for the NPI National Heritage Awards. the first scheme in Britain devoted to honnur-

loric treasures. The NPI Gold Award, the

Warwick Castle: chosen from a list of 160 properties

the elimax of a gata evening hosted by Angela Rippon. He manager of the pensions company NPI, which initiated the said: "The NPI National awards, said: "We were Heritage Awards give a voice delighted with the response its the first year of the scheme. It to the visitors to our historic properties by enabling them proves that as a nation we in vule fur what they like value our heritage." The other category winners. best." Voting to decide the individual category winners were Bolsnver Castle amung

English Heritage properties, Fountains Abbey among and the winner of the Gold Award was conducted in conthose belonging to the Natiunal Trust. Culzean Castle

for the National Trust for Scotland, and Hampton Court among the historic royal palaces

The site for Warwick Castle was selected and fortified by William the Conqueror in 1068. Over the centuries the castle was home to the Earls of Warwick, who played a key-role in the Wars of the Roses. the Hundred Years War and the English Clvil War.

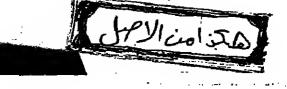
Today its commanding battlements and towers, set in 60 acres of grounds and gardens landscaped by Capability Brown, offer a year-round programme of events, including Kingmaker's Feasts, at which visitors enjoy a live

course dinner. The castle's newest medieval attraction, a presentation based on scenes from the household of Warwick the Kingmaker in 1471, enables visitors to experience the sights, sounds and smells of preparations for battle during the Wars of the Roses while another wing recreates a Vic torian house party as hosted by Daisy Warwick in 1808

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### Police patrolmen catch their chief constable doing 90mph



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Gumm agreed to pay a fixed penalty of £40

By STEWART TENDLER CRIME CORRESPONDENT CHIEF CONSTABLE was

stopped by one of his own traffic patrols and reported for speeding at 90mph on the MII, police said vesterday

day morning by a patrol as he drove his own Rover 620 near Duxford, Cambridgeshire. Mr Gunn, off duty at the time, was speeding in a

stretch with a 70mph speed limit. The traffic crew put on their blue lights, came up behind the Rover and ordered the Chief Constable to pull over. He promptly stopped and was told he would be reported.

Yesterday Mr Gunn, a police expert on DNA and counter-terrorism, apologised for the incident, which will be considered by his Ben Gunn was noticed on Satur-, force's police authority. He has already paid a fixed penalty of £40 and will have three penalty points put on his licence.

In a statement he said: "I naturally very much regret that a lapse of concentration resulted in me exceed-

ing the speed limit. I was correctly reported for the offence." Ed Murphy, a Labour councillor

who serves on the police authority, said the incident had to be kept in proportion. Mr Murphy said: "My personal opinion is that it shouldn't endanger his position, although it's a matter for the police authority and we will give the incident serious consideration."

Mr Murphy said: "It's an unfortunate incident, but it does clearly demonstrate that the police officers in Cambridgeshire are acting without favour and carrying out their duties diligently. No doubt everyone learns their lesson when they get a few endorsement points and a fine."

The decision to give Mr Gunn a fixed penalty notice was taken on the spot by one of the constables from the traffic car. Under the penalty notice, the Chief Constable had 28 days to pay the fine or go to court and challenge it.

Cambridgeshire police said officers had a number of choices when stopping a speeding driver. They would look at the speed involved.

the type of road and speed limit. They could simply talk to a driver, deliver a formal caution or issue a fixed penalty notice. If the offence was regarded as severe, officers could give the driver a summons to go to court.

Mr Gunn, 52, was appointed Chief Constable on January 1, 1994, after serving as Deputy Chief Con-stable since November 1991. He has been a policeman since 1963 when he joined the Metropolitan force. In the early 1970s he served as personal protection officer to Robert Carr,

Heckler

who was then Home Secretary in the Heath Government, and spent 26 years with Special Branch, where he dealt in counter-terrorism.

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Mr Gunn is the second chief constable to be caught by his own men. In February 1994 Keith Povey, Chief Constable of Leicestershire. was seen driving at somph in a somph stretch of the M1 at Kirby Muxice. It was the first day of a campaign by his force against speeding drivers. He was fined £350 and suspended from driving for seven days.

### Drugs group urges resignation over 'safe Ecstasy' row

#### BY GILLIAN BOWDITCH

SCOTLAND'S most senior social work director has been called upon to resign by drug rehabilitation workers outraged at her remark that the illegal drug Ecstasy is safer

than aspirin. Mary Hartnoll, 56, director of social work for Glasgow, the city with the highest num-ber of drug-related deaths in Scotland, said Ecstasy was "relatively safe" and the risk of dying from a normal dose of aspirin was "very much greater" than dying from Ecstasy. Miss Hartnoll's claims were

made in an internal memo to John Anderson, chief executive of Glasgow City Council, in response to a tough approach to drugs by the council's licensing board. The council, which came into existence on April 1, is trying to formulate a unified policy on drug abuse.

Miss Hartnoll's views, which directly contradict those of the licensing board chairman, James Coleman, are likely to make a common policy for the city impossible,

Hartnoll: said Ecstasy was safer than aspirin

causes. Miss Hartnoll said the campaign following the death of Leah Betts, who died after taking Ecstasy on her 18th birthday, used fear as a means of deterring young people from taking drugs but had poor results.

"It does not accord with young people's own definition of their own drug using behaviour, which in the great majority of cases is a reasonably where around 100 people a pleasurable experience. The year die from drug-related irooy is that Ecstasy for exam-

**Highflyer** praised for her sensitivity

MARY HARTNOLL is Scot- fierce competition. She took a land's most senior director of drop in salary to £76,776 to ple is a relatively safe drug -the risk of death has been calculated at one in 6.8 million - (the risk of dying from an ordinary dose of aspirin is very much greater!) and young people tend to know this," Miss Harnoll wrote in her memo.

Paul Betts, the father of Leah, said her remarks were "totally irresponsible". He said American research showed that Ecstasy caused permanent and irreversible brain damage.

David Bryce, director of the Calton Athletic Recovery pro-gramme in Glasgow which runs rehabilitation courses, said: "Ecstasy kills aod it kills now. People who try Ecstasy build up a tolerance to it and they start using other drugs. Then they stop using Ecstasy and start injecting heroin. "We are dealing with these

realities every day. I'm sick to the back teeth of people who are meant to be well-informed coming out with this sort of rubbish."

Mr Coleman said Miss Hartnoll's remarks "flew in the face" of everything the board was trying to do. The information we have is that the Ecstasy coming into Glasgow is far from pure. There is everything and anything in

A spokesman for the Scottish Office said yesterday: There is no such thing as a risk-free drug. The misuse of any drug can cause serious harm or lasting damage and

**RESEARCHERS** have isolated the gene that makes a breed of mice called tubby

Maine, "strongly resembles the late-onset obesity seen in the human population".

Dr Nishina and colleagues have pinned down the genetic flaw that causes the mice to

Scientists hope the overweight mice will help them to identify the human fat gene

Tubby rodents hold clue to

obesity of mice and men

defects in tubby mice" Dr Nishina said. "We hope that this will also lead to the discovery of human genes

involved in obesity". . The research, published in there were no racial overtones Nature, was carried out in coin the attack and there had operation with Sequana been no intention to injure. It Therapeutics, of La Jolla, was carried out as an act of California, and the team has "drunken bravado". Mason. applied for a patent. Sequana from Yeovil, had been drunk. plans to use the tub gene, or he said, but while in Dorchester prison for the past four the proteins it produces, or other genes in its molecular months had sought help from Alcoholics Anonymous. pathway, as potential targets for drug discovery. At the time of the attack.

Mr Ashdown, 54, the town's

MP, had been due to give evidence against his attacker but the change of plea spared him another appearance in the witness box. At Mason's committal hearing in Febru-ary he had described the assault

Charles Whitby, QC, the Recorder, told Mason that the knife attack was "dangerous, reckless and wicked". Mason, who had 24 previous court appearances, admitted affray and using or threatening unlawful violence.

Martin Meeke, for the prosecution, said Mason was extremely drunk when he approached the two men and later produced a flick-knile with a 4in blade. He tried to knee Mr Asbdown in the groin, then lashed out with the knife towards Mr Ashdown's neck. The MP parried the blow and two special police constables, who saw the attack from a pub, arrested Mason. Neil Ford, for Mason, said

pocket was read out at the hearing. "I'm going to die because I want to be a Lion King. Mum and Dad, please put the Lion King film in my grave with me please."

In the film the Lion King



Lion King BY KATE ALDERSON

A BOY who hanged himself from a tree was obsessed with the Disney film The Lion King, an inquest was told yesterday, Imtiaz Ahmed, 14, left a note saying he was going to die because he wanted to

become a Lion King. Imtiaz was found hanging from a tree near his home in Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire, in November last year. John Wain, the coroner at Newcastle-under-Lyme. corded an open verdict but said he was satisfied the boy had hanged himself. The note found in Imtiaz's

social work and one of the few reflect the smaller catchment women to hold such a high profile job in local government

Three years ago she beat off five male candidates to win the top social work job in Scotland, the E82,000-a-year post of director of social work for Strathchyde Region. It put her in charge of a budget of more than £300 million and gave her direct responsibility for 22,000 people. Then with the disbanding of

Strathclyde, she got the top

social work job with Glasgow

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area. Colleagues praise her commitment, sensitivity and integrity. She inspires loyalty and is known to encourage her juniors. Yet she is no stranger to controversy. Last year Sheriff Colin Miller of Ayr criticised her department for its handling of a child abuse case in

which eight Ayrshire children were removed from their families for five years. Miss Harmoll produced a report into her department's handling of the case that was City Council, again against widely seen as a whitewash.

even death." Miss Hartnoll was unavailable for comment yesterday but her views have been defended by some professionals. Dr John Marks, a consultant psychiatrist from Manchester, said her argument was responsible, intelligent, and true.

Last year in Britain, three tecnagers died after taking Ecstasy, which is used by an estimated 500,000 people each weekend. Alcohol and tobacco-related deaths were 25,000 and 110,000 respectively.

put on weight in middle age. The discovery could have wider implications, as this pattern of increasing weight is a familiar consequence of human ageing. Tubby mice were discov-

ered by accident in 1977, when a random mutation in a strain of laboratory mice created animals which appeared normal when young but gradually put on weight later — though without apparently overcating.

By NIGEL HAWKES

SCIENCE EDITOR

The pattern, says Dr Patsy Nishina of The Jackson Laboratory in Bar Harbor,

become fat, develop diabetes and suffer eyesight and hearing loss. The gene responsible is mouse chromosome 7. and Dr Nishina and her team have shown that it consists of a single "mispelling" in the sequence of the DNA in the gene.

The result is to produce a protein with a slightly differ-ent structure, which inter-feres with the complex biochemical signals that control appetite and the way in which food is metabolised.

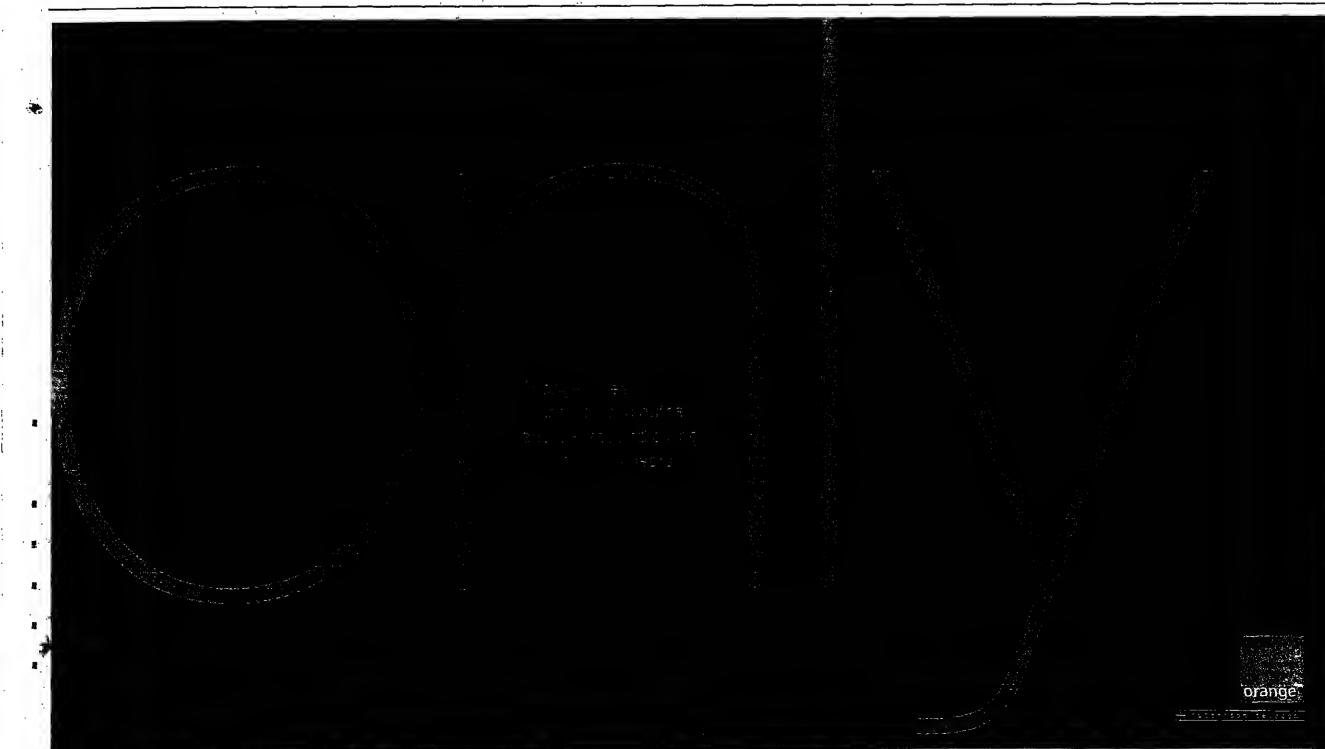
"This is an important step for us toward identifying the

Human obesity is caused by a number of factors, of Avon and Somerset police said Ycovil was suffering an increase in rowdyism, blaming which a genetic predisposia minority who were intent on tion is only one. But this causing trouble. Closed-circuit discovery "opens an avenue to obesity we didn't have" television cameras are due to says Dr Jurgen Naggart, one be installed at a cost of £70,000. of the research team.

dies and returns in the form o a vision seen by his son.

The coroner said he had watched The Lion King or video four times and the case had caused him a great deal of personal heartache. "I am satisfied that he physically hanged himself," he said. "But the problem was his state of mind. Did he intend the consequence of his act?"

He added: "Was it his wish to bring about a metamorphosis, or physical change or rebirth so that he was still Impiaz Ahmed and the Lion King?"



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### Loss of tax relief on saving plans a blow to boarding schools

By JOHN O'LEARY, EDUCATION EDITOR

BOARDING schools suffered another blow to pupil num-bers yesterday when the Inthe decline. land Revenue confirmed that thousands of parents are to

lose tax concessions on money set aside to pay for their children's education. From next April, fee plans run by educational trusts will no longer qualify for tax relief, tended to use those schools. adding hundreds of pounds a year to many savers' costs. The Inland Revenue made the change after the Charity Commission decided that the trusts should be removed from its

savers.

accumulated.

register Up to 15,000 parents use fee plans, which cover about one in 30 children in independent schools. Most are in boarding schools, which have been particularly hard hit by falling numbers.

There was a 4 per cent decline in the number of boarders last year. continuing a long downward trend since records began in 1982, and figures to be released later this

said: "We find the change month are expected to show inexplicable. There has been another drop. The surprise no change in the way we operate, and the inland Reveextra tax burden could hasten David Woodhead, director nue has never raised an of the Independent Schools objection in more than 30 Information Service, said the

years." tax changes would affect An Inland Revenue spoke boarding disproportionately man said it had taken its lead because long-term savers from the Charity Commission. which recently conducted an Under fee plans, capital is invested in trusts, allowing inquiry into such schemes and has decided they should not interest to build up before have charitable status.

Hugh Rogers, a Charity parents have to start paying fees. Since 1959, the trusts Commission spokesman. said have claimed back tax paid on it had looked at school fees payment plans and decided the interest and reimbursed they did not fit in with "today's idea of what is charitable. The Many parents or grandparents start fee plans as soon as a child is born. Those who have benefit from them flows not to the public but to private individuals.

saved for longest will be hardest hit by the loss of tax Michael Kirk, secretary of the Boarding Schools' Associrelief because of the amount ation, said: "I hope this will not be a major obstacle, but it of interest they have Trusts are preparing apwill be another problem for peals against the ruling. John Lamb, a spokesman for the Sun Life Educational Trust, some of our parents who are trying to find the money for independent schools."



Lucy Needham at Heathrow yesterday. The cause of her illness is unknown



THE tennis player taken illaboard a jumbo jet which was forced to divert to India returned home yesterday. Lucy Needham, 22, bogged and kissed her mother Jill and stepfather John Hobbs when they met her at Heathrow, three days after she shoold have returned from playing in two tournaments in Java.

She had collapsed an hour after the aircraft left Kuala Lumpur. Pauline Robinson. a nurse, eased Miss Needham's convulsions hy bolding her head in a cushion cover filled with ice. Tests in India failed to find a cause for the illness.

Miss Needham, who is ranked 30 in Britain, looked pale and tired yesterday. Mr. Hobbs. of Newton, Cambridgeshire, said: "We are most concerned about her condition. She has only just gathered the strength to make the flight back to Britain.

### Thugs force army cadets to retreat from Warsop HQ

#### By PAUL WILKINSON AND MICHAEL EVANS

A GROUP of boy soldiers who have suffered two years of vandalism, harassment, street ambushes and abuse have finally been forced to abandon their Army Cadet Force premises.

The persistent victimisation of the caders aged 13 to 18 by "young thugs" in the Nottinghamshire town of Warsop and highlighted at other cadet force units in the country was described yesterday by a senior Army officer as a deliberate attempt to "destroy something which is decent and worthwhile".

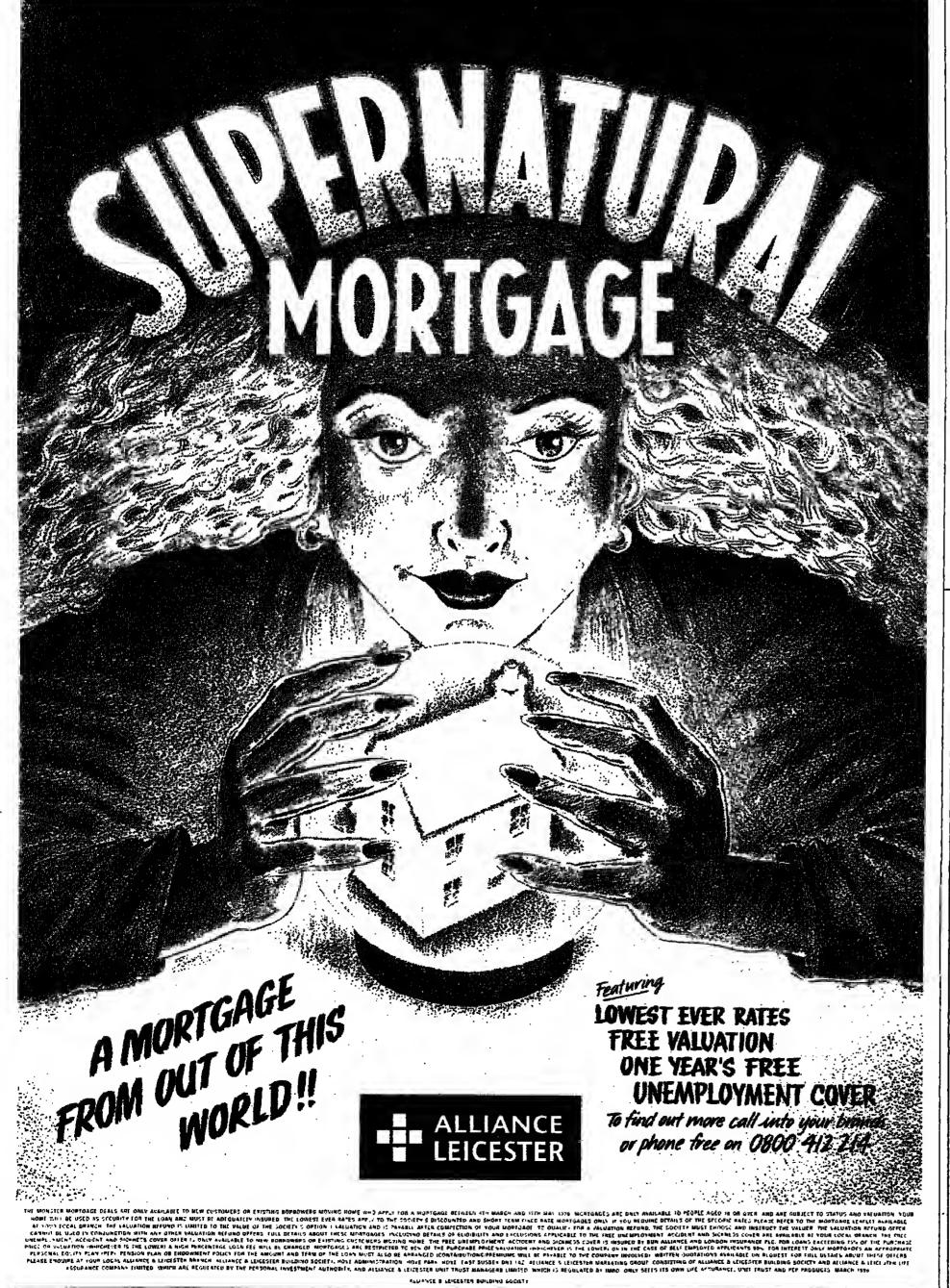
The cadets at Warsop are now looking for new premises after their headquarters hut on the outskirts of the town was burnt down by vandals. Colonel Robin Drummond,

north Nottinghamshire a few

months ago. Colonel Drummond said: "Vandalism is a continuing scourge. The thugs responsihle seem to regard cadets as their enemy. They resent these young lads for having fun and enjoying a real challenge." He said that the cadets were determined to carry on and hoped to lease new headquar-

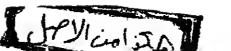
ters in the centre of town. Their previous detachment commander, Under Officer Paula Pingree, left after a scaffolding pole was rammed through the side of the hut and just missed her head. She was badly hurt. Later, after her car windscreen was shattered, she

was transferred. She was replaced by Sergeant-Major John Colclough. who finally decided the cadets had to move. He said yesterday: "For two years the cadets . have run the gauntlet of violence and crime from a hardcore of around 20 to 30 local youths. Cadets have been regularly threatened with beatings. Vandalism has been rife and there have been three arson attacks in the last month alone." A number of juveniles are facing charges connected with attacks on the cadets and their building.



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eouty secretary of the East Midlands Territorial Auxiliary and Volunteer Reserves Association which embraces the Army Cadet Force, said the thugs who had driven the cadets from their headquarters appeared to be "beyond the law".

He said: "They don't know right from wrong. They have no respect for other people's property. it's as if they come from another world." Another cadet headquarters hut was burnt down at Harworth in



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Oscar for the best supporting actress --above right, lures Lenny (Woody Allen) away from his marriage to upwardly-mobile Amanda (Helena Bonham Carter)

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## French face culinary invasion Conran plans to give Parisians food for thought

### AND ADAM SAGE

TWO of London's most successful restaurateurs are planning to teach the French a lesson in modern gastronomy by opening showcase British restaurants in the French capital.

Sir Terence Conran, the creator of Mezzo, Quaglino's and Le Pont de la Tour in London, and Oliver Peyton, the developer of the Atlantic Bar and Grill and Coast, have both been viewing properties in Paris. Mr Peyton is on the point of winning the race to secure the first bridgehead. Sarah Canet, assistant to

Mr Peyton, said yesterday: "We are in the final stages of negotiation for a site for a large restaurant. It will be very exciting. We hope to take Paris by storm." French restaurateurs, not

unnaturally, were sceptical about the challenge, but Sir Terence said: "Paris is ready to be taught some lessons. The French idea still tends to be that there is only one way to run a big brasserie and that is to fit it out with fin de siècle decor. I appreciate that look, where it is genuine, but I would certainly not want to go on recreating it for ever more." Michel Perrochon, owner of the celebrated Brasserie Lipp in St Germain des Prés, said there might be a market for small British restaurants, but not for the large international . establishments for which Mr Peyton and Sir Terence were famed. He said: There is a French proverb that says Good at everything, good for nothing'. Whenever I see a restaurant offering cuisine from different parts of the world, I do not go there because I know it will be no

agood. Any restaurants which have tried to provide global food have been total failures in Paris." Undaunted, Sir Ter-

**TWO CITIES** Whereas Paris has 86 Michelin-starred restaurants (five with three stars, 23 with two and 58 with one). London has only 20 (three with three stars, two with two aod 15 with ooe). Paris's most popular large res-taorants serve a time-

hoomored repertoire mf traditinoal brasseric classics, such as coq au vin and pot au feu, usually in period sur-rooodiogs. Waiters are middle-aged or elderly and frequently short-tempered. London's modern restaoraots by cootrast go for sweeping staircases, mirrors aod sharp design. The cooking is cosmopolitan, open to transatlantic aod oriental influences. and often involves novel juxtapositions of ingredients. Staff are youog. enthusiastic and fre-

ence confirmed that, like Mr Peyton, he had looked at one large site in the Marais district. Although it was un-suitable, he said: "I would not be scared of opening in Paris. The city is in the depths of recession and property prices are still going down. That can be the right time to strike and a restaurant near the Madeleine would be ideal. The secret of being financially

quently antipodeao.

and evening business." Ms Canet would not disclose where Mr Peyton's restaurant would be but said it would be similar to the 160seat Atlantic Bar and Grill, off Piccadilly Circus, which has been described as "an Art Deco air raid shelter". Sir

Terence, who has a Conran shop in Paris, said the British could show the French a thing or two about restaurant design. He said: "If we find the right site we will use our own design learn as we did with Mezzo and Quaglino's. We are opening in Glasgow next year, so why not Paris?" Robert Grace, an Australian

architect who worked for Mr Peyton on Coast, said yesterday: "Both Terence Conran and Oliver Peyton felt that Paris was ripe for the contemporary, international style of restaurant which is so successful in London." A third London restaura-

teur who looked at the site in the Marais, but also rejected it, confirmed that he too would still be looking for further opportunities in the French capital. Alan Yau of the hugely successful Wagamama Japanese noodle bars in Bloomsbury and Soho, London, said: "We will be looking again in Paris soon. but for Wagamama we need some-thing more proletarian than the site we saw in the Marais." Hitherto the best known

British restaurant in Paris has been Bertie's, the brainchild of Albert Roux, but that serves British food in a quintessen-tially Brinish decor of wood panelling, tartan and leather, M Perrochon allowed that Bertie's was "quite successful", though he added: "Britain does not have a great cuisine." A spokesman for another big Parisian restaurant, Nos Ancetres les Gaulois, was successful is to find a location more optimistic about the

where there is both luochtime Londoners' prospects in Paris. "An international-style restaurant could work if it aims at businessmen," she said. "Tourists and Parisians going out for the evening would not eat there but in the business districts, such as La Défense, there might be a lunchtime clientele." ١.



The computer simulation cootains 17 millino particles, allowing individual galaxies to be resolved

### History of the Universe (take II)

BY NIGEL HAWKES

ASTRONOMERS have reroo the history of the Universe in a computer simulation. They showed how tiny fluctuations in energy in the split secood after the Big Bang grew into concentra-tions of matter - the stars and galaxies - amid vast empty regions of space.

The results are to be reported to the National Astronomy Meeting in Liverpool tomorrow by Professor Carlos Frenk of the University of Durham, the leader of the

dian aod German laborato-

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### 'No touch' code for driving instructors

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BY JONATHAN PRYNN TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

DRIVING instructors will be forbidden from making physical contact with pupils except to shake hands or to take the wheel during an emergency under a code of conduct being drawn up by the Driving Standards Agency.

The "no touching" rule aims to restore the reputation of a profession tarnished by a string of high-profile cases of sexual harrassment by rogue instructors of women learner drivers. But the draft code, which

would be voluntary for the 33.000 registered instructors, has already been condemned as excessive and unnecessary by driving instructors' professional bodies. Peter Harvey, chairman of the Motor Schools Association, which represents about 8,000 in-structors, said: "In every industry there are a few bad ones who always give the good ones a bad name. No driving instructor worth his or her salt is going to set out to deliberately touch a pupil."

Male driving instructors have long been saddled with a sexually aggressive image. A survey in the late 1980s found that one in five had made a pass al a woman pupil.

A note to the draft code advises instructors that "physical contact can be misconstrued" and suggests that "if it is absolutely necessary to place a hand on the pupil's on the steering column or gear lever, the instructor should explain in advance why this is necessary and ask if the pupil objects", It adds: "If they do not, the contact should be kept to a minimum,"

Brian Austin, the agency's chief registrar of driving instructors, defended the proposed code as representing "an ordinary, decent and hon-est way of doing business".

Writing in the agency's newsletter Despatch, he warned that without it "any claim that the industry may have to be regarded as profes-sional would be seen to be built on sand".

SCIENCE EDITOR ries involved.

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The team responsible, called the Virgo consortium. is based in Durham and inclodes astroonmers from Sussex, Oxford, Edinburgh, Cardiff, Toronto and the Max Planck Institute for Astrophysics in Munich. They used a Cray-T3D

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Archbishop of Canterbury warns synod that Church is always 'one generation away from extinction

### **Report urges elders** to close cultural gap with youth

BY RUTH GLEDHILL AND LIN JENKINS

THE decline in church anen dance among young people seems to be accelerating, according to the Bishop of Carlisle, who chaired the working party which is to tell the General Synod that youth attendance has dropped dramatically in seven years.

The Rt Rev Ian Harland. describing the picture as "hteak", said it was partly a result of a general cultural change which saw young people abandoning many org-anisations. He said the failure to keep the young in congrega-tions was largely due to the cultoral gap between the Church and its traditions and the young people of today. "It is a matter of getting to the point where we can meet and explore common ground."

While encouraging alternative forms of service, he urged that they be properly supervised to avoid such scandals as the Nine O'Clock Service and its unacceptable practices,

What went wrong in Sheffield way a lack of accountability by people probably given too much freedom and a lack of supervision. It ran out of control. But the last thing we want is for what happened in Sheffield to prevent these kind

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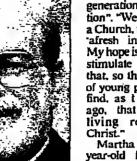
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**Bishop Harland: sees** the outlook as hleak

of initiatives taking place." The report's recommendations to the synod include spending more money. Young people account for a third of the population but not a third

of church budgets It says attempts should be made to develop and promote innovative forms of worship. but within a strict framework of support and accountability. Churches should be able to find out how other successful schemes are run and seek help from those trained in setting them up and running them. Dr George Carey, the Arch-bishop of Canterbury, says in



unmarried, only the eldest is a regular churchgoer. The others attend church occasionally. Two are teachers, one is a chef and the youngest a secretary.

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the foreword to the report that the Church is always "one generation away from extinction". "We are called upon, as a Church, to proclaim the faith airesh in each generation. My hope is that this report will stimulate us to do precisely that, so that many thousands of young people may come to find, as t did over 40 years ago, that excitement of a living relationship with Martha Middlemiss, a 17year-old from the Vale of

Evesham who serves on her local parochial church council and has twice attended synod. said there was no single solution to the problem. "A lot of attempts to provide some-thing for the young stop at wheeling out a gintar. Young people want different things."

The Bishop of Carlisle is a family man who has had an abiding interest in the issues facing young people for many years. He has led youth camps and pilgrimages throughout his ministry. Of his four children, aged 21 to 27 and movement



### Raikes's progress eroded by secular fun factor

BY ALAN HAMILTON

HAULING children off the streets and into church has exercised the minds of the well-intentioned at least since the late t8th century when Robert Raikes, a Gloucester newspaper publisher, institutthe Sunday School

Raikes feared that the terian and nonconformist youth of the Industrial Revolution, who toiled in factories for six days each week, would turn to a life of crime if left

spent on the hard chairs of a uneducated in the ways of righteousness on the Sabbath. church hall crayoning pic-He opened his first Sunday tures of Noah's Ark.

Five years ago the Church of England produced a report. All God's Children, which concluded in essence that traditional Sunday schools had all but had their day. An entire secular life had woken up to Sunday as a day of rest from work, and therefore a day of fon. The report's au-thors calculated that in 1991 some 14 per cent of those aged 15 and under in England. new customers.

Examples of successful ini-

tiatives among young people include:

Alternative worship: with

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The Rave In the Nave: an

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Cathedral on a June Friday night. attracting at least 1,000 people. The

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accountable leadership.

were involved in some kind of church-related activity on a Sunday. They recognised a sharply declining trend, and suggested all manner of clubs, sports evenings and other non-Sunday treats to lure the young back into the fold. Although there is some evidence that individual charches have found success vesterday's report suggests

> fashion show, non-alcoholic bar, puppet theatre and fringe music. The climax

comes at midnight with an

hour of alternative wor-

The Hit Squad: a group of young people aged 18-plus who visit different parishes

each weekend and work with local youngsters to organise that Sunday's

worship, adding drama,

dance, music and prayers.

The Greenbelt Arts Festi-

val: Samantha Fox, born-

again convert and former

Page 3 model, once per-

formed at this August

Bank Holiday Christian

arts festival which attracts

Music and worship work-

up to 25,000 people.

Young approach

that works well

nearly one million children. that the Anglican community is losing its battle to retain

Declining appeal is felt by all faiths

BY RUTH GLEDHILL

THE Church of England and the Jewish community are the first religious bodies to pro-duce evidence of what is a widespread trend.

Monsignor Kieran Conry. spokesman for the Roman Catholic Church, said the loss of young people was being felt in his as in all the churches. although central figures had not been collated to establish the scale of the decline --

The Catholic Churchs Birmingham diocese leads the field in working with young people, employing four priests and four tay members in this area. For 50 years, a centre in Stratford-upon-Avon has runweek-long courses for teenagers and parish groups visit at weekends. The centre has proved so successful that in the July the diocese is opening another near Alton Towers Father John Seeney, who runs the centre, said: "Young people find the Church very insignificant in their lives. Society does not see spiritual values as central to life, and maybe the church environment is not attractive to them. But I think there is a great hunger among young people for God, and for something deeper.

"Music is very important here, and the young people go home singing songs and hymns."

Britain's 300,000-strong Jewish community is also fighting the loss of its youngsters on a ticle of secularisation and assimilation. Nearly half of Anglo-Jewish men aged under 30 have a non-Jewish partner, according to the Institute for Jewish Policy Research, and nearly half of uoder-35s do not belong to a synagogue.

The Chief Rabbi, Dr Jonathan Sacks. Jaunched Jewish Continuity, a body which aims to keep young people wedded to the Jewish faith with a series of educational and other programmes,

Most synagogues have classes where youogsters are taught Hebrew and the reasons behind ancient Jewish traditions. Increasing numbers of synagogues of all traditions are holding more

social events and special ser-

The Methodist Church.

vices for youngsters.



#### 500,000 children were attending Sunday classes to receive instruction in the Catechism and in basic literacy. Sunday schools spread through the Anglican, Presby-

communities as the 19th century progressed, Children of a far more recent generation have memories of Sundays

school in 1780; by the time of his death in 1811, a reported

shops in the York diocese: dozens of youngsters ex-periment with Christian people themselves put for-ward Charter 96, which called for churches to develop the use worship and music. Crusaders: Christianof audio, video, drama, visual. aids and a full range of music. in worship. "Make the messbased bolidays with activitics, sport and excursions. age relevant." it said.

The Rev David Daley and Alex, his daughter

to play in giving them hope. I hope a youth worker will bridge the gap." Mr Daley, who has a con-

regation on average of 200 in his 8.000-strong parish. said: The trend has been one of general decline in the numbers of young people coming to church, which seems to have started in the 1960s. Jeremy will hopefully reverse that trend here because he is young and understands where young people are com-

ing from." Alex. Mr Daley's 19-yearold daughter, said that being a young Christian was not considered "trendy" by most of her neers. "You sometimes feel that you are an oddball and you start doubting that

there is anything in it because so few of your friends share your beliefs, although God has always brought me back. The stereotypical church-goer is dull and boring so it is hardly surprising that young people are not interested There is a really bad stigma attached to it."

ple's lives. They use film. video and dance to praise God and to teach. In this sense the Courch is moving forward in a massive way."

which has an active core membership of people under 26, last year accepted a radical charter for change. The young

### Vicar recruits youth worker to turn the tide of apathy

#### BY JOANNA BALE

IN 1975 Joanne McGregor joined the thriving youth club at her local church. She was 20 and had just moved to the area, but soon met dozens of friends her own age through the club, which they called the YPF, short for Young People's Fellowship. About 25 people in their late

teens and early twenties would meet every Saturday and Sunday night to play games, listen to music, have quizzes and Christian-based discussions. Now a 42-year-old mother, she said yesterday: "It was a really lively. active group and t loved it - t even met my husband there." The club, based at St Cuthbert's Church in Wood Green, north London, dis-banded five years ago through lack of interest and there is no youth club for the over-15s any longer. Mrs McGregor, who ran

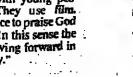
the group in its last years, explained: "It was getting to the point where many of the members were in their late twenties and even in their thirties - the younger ones just weren't coming through." The vicar at St Cuthbert's is determined to change that and has recruited a full-time youth worker. The Rev David Daley is preparing for Jeremy Squires, who is to his early twenties, to live in a purposebuilt flat at his vicarage.

Mr Daley, 46, said: "We only have four or five people in the 15 to 20 age range who come to services, bul you only have to look around the streets to see the need.

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"In this area there are four council estates where there are young people who roam the streets getting themselves into trouble and I feel that the Church has an enormous role

Alex. who is studying Arts at Middlesex University, re-cently went to the Easter Spring Harvest Festival at Butlins in Minchead, which was attended by 4,000 young Christians. "This sort of event is in touch with young peo-



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Opponents outraged by £584,000 handout for Gateshead's monumental creation GATESHEAD COUNCI

### Lottery cash feeds anger over artist's steel angel

#### BY DALYA ALBERGE, ARTS CORRESPONDENT

A CAMPAIGN to stop a sculpture being massive placed in a run-down area of Tyneside gathered momentum yesterday with news of a £584,000 grant from the Naiional Lotter

The idea of a 65ft-high flying steel angel with a 175ft wing span being sited on the out-skirts of Galeshead has divided the community. Objectors



Gormley: denied that project was expensive

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expressed outrage over the estimated cost last year, which was then £300,000. The overall budget has increased to almost £800,000.

The fact that the sculptor is Antony Gormley, a leading figure in the contemporary art world who won the 1994 Turner Prize, has done little to placate the objectors.

The "Stop the Statue" campaigners cannot understand how so much money can be spent on a sculpture and the surrounding landscaping when the casualty department of one of the area's main hospitals is being closed and when the community cannot afford to replace playground swings removed after they failed safety checks. More than 4,500 residents had signed a petition against the statue, said Noël Rippeth, a Liberal Democrat who has led opposition to the scheme on Gateshead council. "And that was on just two Saturday

mornings. People were actual-

ly queueing to sign it." Jona-

than Wallis, a member of the

council's arts and public



A photo-montage showing how Antony Gormley's angel sculpture will appear to drivers arriving in Gateshead on the Great North Road

places sub-committee, said: "It schemes and that council taxwas the fastest rate of collecpayers will have to meet the tion of any petition I've ever maintenance costs. The sculpture will cost £350,000; the rest known. Normally, you've got to stop them and ask them." Dr Wallis said: "The North East has the highest level of will be spent on landscaping. Frank Hindle, another councillor, said: "If the Arts people purcashing lottery tick-Council want it so much, why ets. This is what we're getting don't they put it up in London in return. Is it really worth it?" where they can have the dubious pleasure of seeing it every day. We don't want it." The lottery grant will be announced by the Arts Council today. A further £45,000 Work has not yet started will come from Northern Arts and the protesters doubt whether it will be ready in and £150,000 from the European Regional Development time to serve its original purpose as the centrepiece of Fund. The campaigners argue the 1996 Year of the Visual that the development fund should be used for job-creadon Arts. They also fear the

sculpture will distract motor-ists on the A1 and Mr Hindle believes television reception might be disrupted. Gateshead council said a

model of the sculpture had provoked as many positive comments as negative ones. "No one says it is boring. It stirs up strong feelings." Supporters see the angel as

a symbol of peace that will attract an estimated 150,000 people a year to Gateshead. Gormley, born in 1950, said: Art, particularly public art, is always a lightning rod for social disease. I think that, if you took a real poll, there

would probably be an unusually high percentage in favour and then a few people who have been inveigled by misinformation and political interests to complain."

He has received several letters of support. "They said how marvellous it was to have a bold and clear image with which Gateshead can be identified. It's always been in the shadow of Newcastle." He conceded that television reception at three blocks of flats might be affected but said a deflector would be fitted. A study in Scotland had concluded that roadside sculp-

tures increased alertness. He disputed that the £350,000 cost of the sculpture was high. explaining that it required complex structural engineering. A sculpture covering 4,000 sq ft needed to be properly anchored.

"Is it a lot? It is a very large object. You couldn't build a house 175ft by 65ft high for this price. I don't think it's expensive. I'm afraid England is rather backward in these things, going over the old arguments of whether a school or a zebra crossing is of more use to the community than a piece of art."



#### BY PAUL WILKINSON

AN ASLAN family are to sue uty chairman. said that depolice for assault after an inquiry cleared officers of blame for the incident which sparked rioting and unrest in Bradford last summer. Although the Police Com-

plaints Authority found yesdetailed scrutiny. Caroline Mitchell, one of the terday that allegations were based on rumour and were PCA inquiry team, said: "We

spite a number of serious allegations against the officers, none had been substantiated. Of the 22 complaints Rushdie on sale made, eight were withdrawn when the claims came under The Indian Government has

approved the sale of Salman-Rushdie's oovel. The Moor's Last Sigh, cight months after

riots in Bradford OVE IN ON

Treasure hunters fined over pottery

Three treasure hooters wh took ascient pottery from a protected prehistoric hill fort were fined £200 each vesterday by magistrates in Swindo

The two men and a won set out with a metal detector hoping to find Roman swords but instead took 37 broken pottery pieces from the site at Barbury Castle, ocar Swindon, Wiltshire.

ocar Swindon, witsince Crystal Butler, 35, and Darryl Bowen, 31, of Swin-don, and Jason Sergeant, 27, of Highworth, Wiltshire, admitted removing objects of archaeological interest with-out consent.

### Surfing for all

Computer kiosks should be as accessible as public telephones to ensure that everyooe. irrespective of age or income, can surf the Internet, the National Consumer Couocil says. Computer ter-minals should be provided at libraries, hospitals and com munity centres "to make the information society inclusive rather that exclusive".

### Appeals fail

A Balgarian court yesterday rejected an appeal by two British lorry drivers convicted of drug trafficking, a legal official said. John Mills, 51, and Peter Hobbs, 42, were each sentenced to 712 years in prisoo in February after anthorities said they had discovcred 44lb of heroin in their vehicles at the Turkish-Bulgarian border.

#### Unholy water row

A complaint from the Roman Catholic Church about mailorder advertisements for stalnes of the Virgin Mary in holy water has been upheld by the Advertising Standards Anthority. Chartsearch of Islington, Loodon, describing itself as the Lonrdes Research Orgaoisatioo. claimed that the statues woold bring better prospects.

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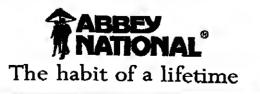
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without foundation, the lobal family are to bring civil proceedings for damages against two constables from the West Yorkshire force who, they claim, assaulted four of them, including a haby girl, her mother and grandmother.

As news of the alleged assault and the arrest of four Asian youths spread on June 9. people in the largely Asian district of Manningham took to the streets, burning cars and property and causing damage estimated at £1 million. For the next two nights riot police and scores of young men were involved in an uneasy stand-off outside the police station where the four youths were detained. The PCA said that after a

nine-month investigation it had decided that no officer should be disciplined. However, one of the two constables involved in the alleged assault incident should receive advice and retraining. John Cartwright, PCA dep-



Leeson: air stewardess

Lisa Leeson gets Virgin airline job

LISA LEESON, the wife of the jailed Barings trader Nick Leeson, is joining Richard Branson's airline Virgin Atlantic as a junior flight attendaot, it was announced yesterday.

It is thought that the job will entitle Mirs Leeson, 27. to cheaper flights that will allow her to visit her husband, serving 612 years in Singapore for fraud and forgery. more frequently.

Virgin said that her appli cation to the airline had succeeded because of her merits, personality and skills. Mrs Leeson, from West Kingsdown, Kent. has worked at a tearoom since returning from Siogapore.

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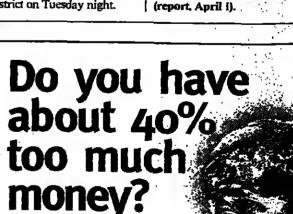
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A 25-tonne army vehicle toppled off a railway convoy at the official launch of a reopened line. The driver cscaped unhurt when the Warrior rolled down an embankment after a loading problem. The 22-mile railway

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district on Tuesday night.

line previously served a quarry at Redmire, North Yorkshire, but has been restored for Catterick army base. CORRECTION Bristol regains its status as a city and county in the local government reorganisatioo which took effect this month



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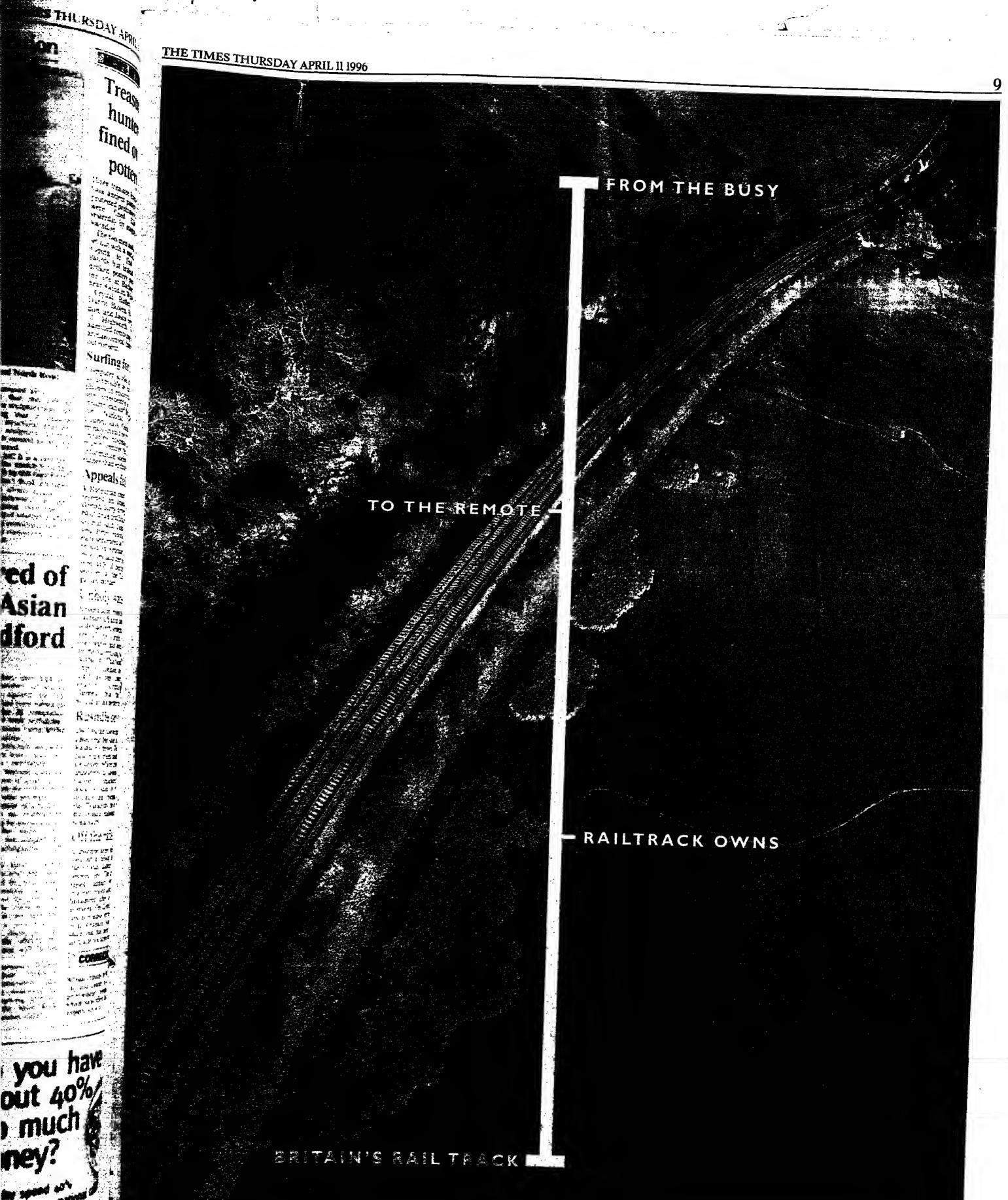
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dence does not support the various allegations of assault."

Aurangzeb lobal, solicitor for the family who were alleg-edly attacked by police, said: "Civil proceedings will be issued against the police for damages. The claim will be formulated in the next few weeks and a writ will be issued. The claim will be against specific officers, but

the police force will be the defendant." Asian community leaders in Birmingham yesterday blamed police over parking fines for disorder in the Alum Rock



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Staffordshire South East: Government braces for thirty-fifth successive poll defeat

### **By-election takes** Major to brink of minority rule

#### BY ANDREW PIERCE, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

WHEN the Conservatives won their surprise general election victory in 1992 party leaders kne w that deaths were likely to w hittle away their 21seat ove rall majority. Few considered the possibility that defections would effectively wipe it out.

John Major might have expected to soldier on with a working majority until the last practical date for an election. May 1, 1997, despite the death of seven of his MPs since the election. But the prospect of minority government has become a reality because of the defections of Alan Howarth to Labour and Emma Nicholson to the Liberal Democrats and Peter Thurnham's resignation of the Tory whip.

If, as expected, the Tories lose the Staffordshire South East by-election today, it will be the thirty-fifth successive defeat since their last byelection victory, in February 1989. Within a year of Mr Major's general-election triumph, questions were asked about his leadership when the

Newbury by-election. Judith Chaplin, previously Mr Major's political secretary, had won the seat with a 22,000 majority at the general election. But she died in February 1993 and at the by-election the Liberal Democrats swept in by a margin of 12,300.

for Dudley West, gave the new Labour leader. Tony Blair, a chance to test his electoral Robert Adley, MP for Christchurch, one of the Toappeal. He was not disappointed. His party captured the seat on December 10 with ries' ten safest seats, died a week later. Robert Hayward, a 20,000 majority. The 29 per cent swing was the biggest a former Tory MP and confidant of Mr Major, was picked from Tory to Labour since to fight the seat. Mr Hayward, 1935. The victory, in the crucial a psephologist whose figures were used by Conservative Central Office in the run-up to West Midlands election battleground, finished a dismal year for Mr Major. Sir Nicholas Fairbairn, the the 1992 election, badly miscalculated in Christchurch. The colourful former Solicitor-General for Scotland, died in Tories' 23,000 majority vanished and Diana Maddock

February 1995 after a long illness. His majority in Perth had been a vulnerable 2,094 took the seat for the Liberal Democrats with a 16.433 majority on a 35 per cent swing. and the Scottish National Party prevailed over Labour with a 7,000 majority while Worse was to come. Stephen Milligan, one of the brightest members of the 1992 intake, the Conservatives trailed in was found dead in his London third. Geoffrey Dickens, one of the home, dressed in suspenders

most outspoken MPs, died after a long illness in the July. His 6,200 majority in Little-

Dr John Blackburn, Tory MP

ity in, Eastleigh, Hampshire, dies. Liberal was overturned by the Liberal Democrats' David Chidgey, who gained a 9,239 majority. The death in October 1994 of

> 1992 1993 horough and Saddleworth disappeared with a 12 per cent

swing to the Liberal Democrats. The Tories were once again pushed into third. The most telling blows to Mr Major's authority came in

October 1995 when Alan Howarth crossed the floor to Labour, enraging party offici-als in his Stratford-on-Avon constituency where he had a 22,900 majority. Emma Nicholson, one of the most high-Commons, dismayed the Tory

high command when she moved to the Liberal Democrats in December. The defections dealt another

shattering end-of-year blow to the Prime Minister. His miswas compounded soon after with the death of Sir David Lightbown, the Staffordshire South East MP. In February this year Peter Thurnham, the member for Bolton North East, resigned the whip, reducing the Tory majority to two. Mr Thurnham, who has a major-

ity of 185, was aggrieved at being overlooked for a safer Using standard mortality

tables and the age and profile of Tory MPs, up to four more are expected to die this year. Research by the actuaries Lane, Clark and Peacock bas indicated that there are likely to be two further deaths by mid-summer. With the Tory by-election record, the party could find itself with a minority of three by the end of the

can, however, draw comfort from the experience of the 1974-79 Labour Government, which lost its majority of three in 1976. The Government was defeated no fewer than 42 times before the loss of a vote of confidence sealed the fate of

the Callaghan administration in 1979. General election 1992: D.L. Lightbown (C) 29,180; B. Jenkins (Lab) 21,988; N. Penlington (Lib Dem) 5,540; majority

on Labour tax plans ridiculed BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY GORDON BROWN, the

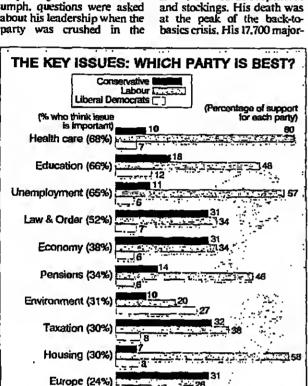
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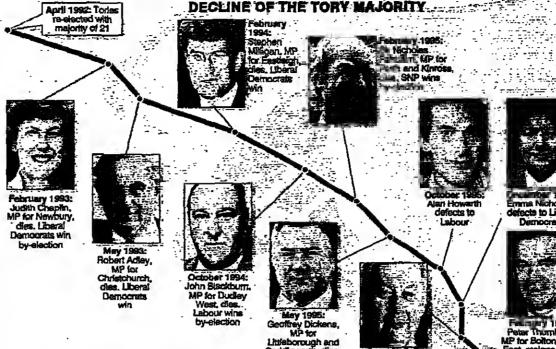
Shadow\_ Chancellor, yesterday criticised business seminars which speculated about Labour's tax plans and said they were "a waste of money". The accountancy KPMG is arranging seminars to brief businessmen on possible tax increases under a Labour Government. A company study suggests that Lab-our might introduce a top rate of tax of 60 per cent and that people who earn more than £46,000 a year would have less disposable income under Labour.

Senior Labour figures are bracing themselves for a wave of similar business briefings. Mr Brown said: "People who write these studies have no knowledge of our tax plans and they are making money speculating about them. It is not a good use of businessmen's money to go to a company organising seminars which has no knowledge of Labour's tax plans."

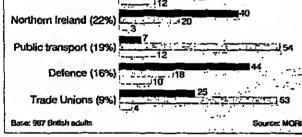
He refused, however, to rule out-tax rises under a Labour Government. 'Tax proposals will be announced in our manifesto," he said. "We will look at the economic situation as it develops."

7.192 summer recess. Mr Major "Find them for less locally entage of support & we'll refund DOUBLE THE season DIFFERENCE" MICHAEL CASEY: B&Q LONGSTONE





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### **Tories trail on** main issues for general election

#### BY PETER RIDDELL

LABOUR has the best policies on ten of the 14 most important issues for the next ecneral election, according to a MORI poll for The Times.

The poll shows that Labour is well ahead on economic and social issues. which voters regard as most important for their votes. The Tories are ahead only oo foreign policy questions such as Europe and defence, which are placed lower down the list.

People were shown a list of issues and asked which they regarded as most important for their votes. Health care is mentioned by 68 per cent, followed by education and unemployment, a coople of points behind. Law and order is mentioned by over 50 per cent, the economy by nearly 40 per cent and pensions by 34 per cent. Europe comes tenth, regarded as important in deciding votes by tess than 25 per cent of those interviewed. Trade ucions come bottom of the list, menlioned by less than 10 per cent.

Of the issues singled out by people as being the most important - health, education and unemployment ---Labour has a huge lead over the Tories as the party with the best policies. The gap is much narrower on law and order, the economy and taxation

The four issues in which Labour is oot in the lead are Europe. Northern Ireland and defence. in which the Tories are in the lead, and the environment, in which the Liberal Democrats are seen to have the best policies.

Tury strategists will regard

31 to 26 per cent - as a vindication of their recent tilt in a scentic direction and of ministers' strong assertion of national interests. However. the gap is a carrow ooe and the issue is given a lairly low priority. Defence and Northern Ireland also remain strong issues for the Tories but are seen as low in importance.

their small lead on Enrope -

On most issues, it is the middle-aged who have the strongest preference for Labour's policies.

It is also revealing that Labour is oow well ahead with regards to trade unions, an area of both importance and strength to the Tories during the 1980s.

lodeed, Tooy Blair is currently telling American busi-ness in New York that Labour is seeking to build on Thatcherism, not trying to reverse it, and that the Thatcher Government did two things right it revived a spirit of enterprise and created a legal framework for the operations of trade nnions. The Tories must either

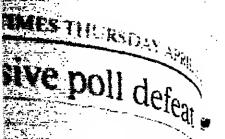
increase the salience of the defence and Northern Ireland issues to more voters, or turn the tide of public opinioo on those in which Labour leads. Nearly 50 per cent the electorate decide which party to vote for mainly on their perception of the pacties' stance on issues of importance to them.

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### **POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT**

## **City offers Labour historic Guildhall** for London body

By ANDREW PIERCE POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

LONDON'S historic Guildhall is being offered to the Labour Party as a home for the elected body with which it is planning to replace the Greater London former Council.

In a spirit of co-operation between Tony Blair and the City, the Corporation of Square mile, is willing to share its 15th-century building with Labour's proposed Greater London Authority.

The offer is a powerful endorsement for the party's plans for a strategic authority. The GLA would have no revenue-raising powers and would be financed by savings from the winding-up of quangos which replaced the GLC. The Guildhall is arguably a more significant home than County Hall, the imposing former GLC building which looks across the

Thames to the Palace of Westminster. The GLA, which would be made up of elected councillors from every London borough or parliamentary constituency, would lead to the capital's first directly elected mayor. following the example of New York or Paris. The Corpora-

tion's Lord Mayor of London,



Dobson: said views of Londoners were sought

a symbolic figure who harks back to Dick Whittington, will continue to live at the Mansion House.

Only a few years ago Lab-our was committed to the abolition of the corporation. which is the only local council to retain the business vote. In two wards there is not a single residential voter.

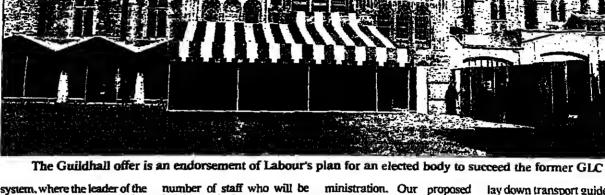
The corporation wins its reprieve in Labour's consultation document released yesterday, A Voice for London. It secured a stay of execution after spending millions of

pounds on environmental and housing projects in neighbouring inner-city boroughs such as Southwark and Hackney. Michael Cassidy, chairman of the corporation's policy and resources committee, said: We have had a letter from the London Labour Party seeking our agreement for co-operation to share the premises as a

home for the new Greater London Authority. We will look at this very sympathetically. Guildhall has an aura of history about it. We are prepared to share our chamber for meetings. We will make office space available for the elected mayor and for the administration of the authority. We will be delighted to work together.

"Some Labour MPs would have kicked our mayor out of the Mansion House and taken over Guildhall. Our Lord Mayor, who is a non-political figure, cannot be a threat to an incoming GLA.

The proposal for a directly elected mayor, enthusiastically supported by Tony Blair, is fraught with difficulties. If Labour adopts the New York option the mayor, who will be chosen by an electorate of about seven million, could be elected from the party in opposition on the GLA. However, the Labour leadership is also looking at the French



ruling party automatically becomes the mayor. Frank Dobson, the Shadow

Environment Secretary and party spokesman on London. people. said at the launch of the policy document: "We are seeking the views of Londoners on be supervised by boards with whether London should have more than half the members an elected mayor with some drawn from the GLA. Mr executive powers. This system Dobson said it would be financed by savings on the has worked well for many European cities. I believe that millions of pounds being spent Londoners will go for the idea by unaccountable quangos. This should result in conof an elected mayor." siderable cost-savings on ad-

The GLA will have a limited

number of staff who will be ministration. Our proposed London authority will mean headhunted from quangos. such as the London Docklands more effective representation Development Corporation. The GLC employed 15,000 - a real voice for London and

> would report to a Londonwide police authority: "This could become a direct function of the new elected Greater London Authority," Mr Dobson said.

up a development agency for London which would formulate an overall economic strategy. The authority would also

lay down transport guidelines. Mr Dobson said: "Overall control of London Transport should be returned to the elected representatives of London.

The new authority would appoint a board which would control the operation of the bus and Tube networks and

the 29,000 prison officers in 135 jails in England and Wales. Judge Tunnim condemned the proposal to end automatic remission for the 53,000 prisoners and replace it with a system of rewards based on continuous assess ment throughout an offender's time in jail.

"If you are not going to get parole or remission than you might as well beat up or murder a prison officer." he told a reception at King's College in central London.

Jail terms

plan 'will

lead to

violence'

BY RICHARD FORD HOME CORRESPONDENT

PRISON staff will be at a

greater risk of violent attack

and even death under the

Government's tough new sen-

tencing proposals, Judge Ste-

The former Chief Inspector

of Prisons warned of the far-

reaching effects Michael How-ard's plans would have on

prison life and in particular on

phen Tumim said yesterday.

He said it was a "very dangerous doctrine" to give responsibility for early release and release on licence to prison officers. He said that under the Home Secretary's "deplorable" proposals remission would be based on continual assessment by the prison officers.

He said: "This is going to cause bad relations and bring allegations of racism and favouritism, of support by officers of snoops by one prisoner against another. Nothing could be worse for prison discipline than that."

Under Mr Howard's proposals people convicted of a second sexual or violent offence would receive an automatic life sentence: offenders convicted of dealing in Class A drugs such as heroin and cocaine on two or more occasions would get a minimum seven years and burglars with three or more convictions a minimum three years in jail. Proposals to put probation

officers on performance-relat-ed pay linked to the behaviour of the offenders they supervise were condemned as unworkable yesterday. Chief proba-tion officers in England and Wales said that Home Office moves to introduce an element of "pay by results" for their staff would seriously damage



Blunkett hopes to widen teaching net

#### BY JOHN O'LEARY EDUCATION EDITOR

LABOUR plans to bring new ideas into the classroom by persuading people from business, industry and the media to become teachers will be unveiled today by David Blunkett, the Shadow Education and Employment Secretary.

Mr Blunkett will outline a scheme to keep schools in touch with the world of work when he addresses the National Association of Schoolmasters and Union of Women Teachers in Glasgow. The proposals will form part of a

professionals from other fields could enter teaching while taking part-time training Those already in courses. schools would be offered sabbaticals in business or industry to refresh their skills. Mr Blunkett will tell the conference that he is determined to forge stronger links between teaching and the world of work. He is particularly keen to attract more people with experience of financial services, industry, commerce and the media. The model for Labour's

infants schools and the introduction of an "advanced teachscheme will be existing Open University courses, which proer" grade may smooth the way for his plans. Nigel de Gruchy, vide the opportunity for a career switch in one year. Mr secretary of the NASUWT, discuss the details of a Blunkett is aiming particsaid yesterday that a new era parmership.

ularly at the over-40s, some of of union co-operation with government could follow the whom may have taken early retirement after successful careers. They would be offered between trade unions and an accelerated route into politicians could mean lower teaching in recognition of their

wage demands in return for wider skills. united action against unem-Similar initiatives introployment and poor working duced by Conservative minisconditions, he said. ters have encountered oppoence approved Mr de Gruchy's plan for a wide sition from teachers' unions determined to maintain an all-graduate profession. But Mr debate within the union on Blunkett's offer, which inhow far co-operation could be cludes limits on class sizes in taken with a "socially enlightened government". He said there would still probably have to be a ballot of all members before the union

would seek to make better use of the Thames for transport. The GLA would help to set Labour's plans for the GLA might be put to a referendum of Londoners, but the party still has to decide how this would be done.





Ministers press on with M25 widening By JONATHAN PRYNN TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT THE Government is going ahead with plans to broaden a two-mile section of the M25 to 12 lanes, creating one of the widest roads in the world outside of America. The £94 million scheme is aimed at easing chronic congestion. along the busiest stretch of the 117-mile London orbital, which is Europe's busicst road. Under the plans unveiled yesterday, the section between junction 14 and junction 15, the M4 exit, will be widened from four to six lanes in each direction. Also, the section between junction 12, the M3 exit. and junction 14. the Heathrow exit. will be widened from four to five lanes .. The proposals were first unveiled last April when Brian Mawhinney, the then Transport Secretary. announced that plans to build a 14-lane superhighway were to be downgraded. Anti-roads groups had hoped that the alternative 12lane plan would be dropped by Sir George Young, Mr Mawhinney's successor, who is considered less sympathetic to large-scale road-building. Yesterday, however, the High ways Agency launched formal consultation on the scheme. The Government believes the widening, combined with traffic management schemes such as variable speed limits, will be sufficient to deal with predicted traffic growth for the The proposals were described as good value for money by John Watts, Transport Minister. They are an important step forward in the relief of congestion for this very busy motorway," he said. "With the introduction of variable speed limits last year. this will accommodate traffic growth well into the next Lynn Sloman, assistant director of the environmental

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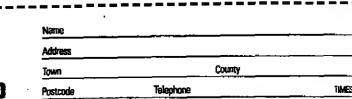
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### **OVERSEAS NEWS**

### **Americans rescue** 150 from Liberia under heavy fire

FROM BUDU KAISA IN MONROVIA AND TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON

UNDER heavy artillery fire, more than 150 foreigners were evacuated from Liberia yesterday as factional fighting, in which up to 300 people have died, racked the city for the fifth successive day.

Gunfire was also heard in the direction of the Barclay Training Centre military barracks in Monrovia as two US helicopter gunships intermit-tently ducked behind the American Embassy compound to whisk civilians out of range of the armour in front of the building

Liberian civilians watched the gunships sweep out over the Atlantic in a chilly reminder of the time American gunboats stood offshore and evacuated foreigners in 1990 when Charles Taylor, the rehel leader, first launched his attempt to seize power. The American influence is still felt in Liberia, where the flag and legal system are the same as those of the United States.

The battle lines have been drawn between Roosevelt Johnson and his Krahn tribe who make up three of the country's seven warring fac-tions. The other side is a loose alliance led by Mr Taylor. a descendant of freed American slaves, Wilton Sankawulo, the head of the six-man Council of

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State, the collective presidency, has made no comment on the conflict.

The State Department in Washington said yesterday that it would continue evacuating all foreigners from Liberia, despite a peace accord hurriedly brokered by ambassadors from Guinea, Sierra Leone and Nigeria. American Embassy sources said they had only three days of food

ieft. A band of rebel fighters armed with AK47 rifles stormed a carpark near the Mamba Point safe zone, a diplomatic enclave on the southern edge of the capital, and fired into the air to scare off onlookers as they broke through windows to move the cars. The group later moved down the road and took away a United Nations jeep. "The only thing the rebels

understand is to loot and kill," one woman said. Marco Okaja, a businessman, broke down as he explained how he watched helplessly as rebels looted his shop. The rebels held me at gunpoint and splashed mud on me as they looted my store," he said There is no store left untouched in Waterside [the city's commercial centre [." It is hard to identify the sides in

this latest ethnic war as the fighters dress in similar civilian clothing. About 60 American troops were in Monrovia helping

with the evacuation and a further 500 were standing by in Sierra Leone and Senegal. The evacuees were being flown 235 miles to Freetown by helicopter before boarding cargo aircraft destined for Dakar, the capital of Senegal, and commercial flights to Europe and beyond.

Although the Pentagon said that no violence in Liberia had been directed at American citizens, two heavily armed Hercules aircraft were standing ready should fighting erupt again in Monrovia. The US European Command, in charge of Operation Assured Response, has sent three HC130s from RAF Mildenhall Suffolk, capable of in refuelling helicopters in midair, two MC130 special operations aircraft and two basic

transport C130s. The fighting erupted on Saturday when armed policemen stormed Mr Johnson's house to arrest him for the killing of three opponents in his Krahn faction. His whereabouts are now unknown.

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A US helicopter lifts off in Sierra Leone to belp in rescuing foreigners from Liberia

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### Political struggle gives way to war of greed and evil

BY MARK HUBAND

AFTER almost seven years of civil war, Liberia's conflict has swung from being a struggle against dictatorship into a nightmarish combination of greed, evil and stupidity. Roosevelt Johnson, the self-

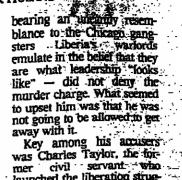
styled general who is wanted for murder and whose refusal to be arrested by the country's fragile ruling council ignited the latest outbreak of violence. has little to distinguish himself from other wariords with their hands on the rusting wheels of power. A member of the Krahn

ethnic group, General Johnson emerged in 1994 as the leader of a tribal faction within one of the five increasarmed ingly fragmented groups whose war has destroyed the country.

The struggle against the dictatorship of the late President Doe, which was the reason for the war when it started in 1989, has long been forgotten. Now, the conflict is etween rival warlords with largely tribal armies. The charge of murder

General Johnson against would be laughable if Liberia were not such a tragedy. Liberians can pin murder charges on most of their selfstyled leaders. The country is a murderer's safe haven in which 150,000 people have been slaughtered.

It is telling that General Johnson - short, round and



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launched the liberation struggle-turned-horror-story General Johnson hates Mr Taylor. who is likely to become Liberia's next President, if only because he looks less sinister than his rival warlords.

As hatred, personal ennity covetousness and deceit are the main elements in the Liberian political debate, it is not surprising that General Johnson decided to plunge the war-racked capital Monrovia into chaos, seize hostages and barricade himself behind his rocket-propelled grenades as a way of showing his feelings. But just as each exploded, he has now calmed down and offered to hand himself over to the

authorities". Yesterday's evacuation of Americans was a fine military exercise perfectly manicured for American domestic consumption. But Roosevelt Johnson had his -15 minutes of fame. Now Liberia will sink back into obscurity.

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cial in charge of Hong Kong, arrives in the colony today and in Mao Tse-tung's words willmake plain "who are our friends and who are our enemies", "" Mr Lu, director of the Hong ..... Kong and China Affairs Office, is also Secretary-General of the Preparatory Committee, whose 150 local and mainland



king, will operate before and after the 1997 handover. The committee will .. meet Hong Kong groups to discuss their ideas on the formation of the next Government. Tomorrow. Mr Lu will give a speech on the colony's future.

In China's continuing policy of driving a wedge between Chris Patten, the Governor. and his civil servants, Zhou Nan, China's most senior diplomat in Hong Kong announced yesterday that he would host a dinner for Mr Lu and for Anson Chan, the Chief Secretary and Mr Patter's deputy, on April 18 while the Governor is in London for talks with John Major. Ms Chan welcomed Mr. Zhou's

invitation and said she hoped for wide-ranging discussions. As part of Peking's ban on contacts with the Governor. Mr Lu has refused to meet Mr Patten in Hong Kong, but her has seen Ms Chan in Peking Ms Chan is regarded by some as a candidate to become the first chief executive picked by

During recent weeks Peking has dragged its relations with Britain to new depths by announcing it would install its, own legislative council and chief executive months before the takeover. The British Government

has threatened to suc the Chinese government over and dissolution. of Hong Kong institutions. Yesterday: drive Foreign Office said that Peking failed to observe the Joint Declaration other ave nues- would have to the Mr Lu and other officials

have also suggested that sa nior civil servants must mai cate their loyalty to the chinese appointed council it. after the takeover.

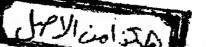
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### THE TIMES THURSDAY APRIL II 1996

### way to war red and evil Mitsubishi faces \$150m bill over sex harassment

### FROM QUENTIN LETTS IN NEW YORK

WOMEN at a Japanese car factory near Chicago had their bottoms and breasts pinched, were called names and were subjected to the widest-ranging instances of sexual harassment, according to US equal opportunities investigators. It bas resulted in America's biggest sexual harassment case.

Hundreds of female workers at the Mitsubishi car plant in Normal. Illinois, could be awarded \$300,000 (£197,000) each if the US Equal Employment Opportunity Commission succeeds with its federal suit against Mitsubishi. The commission interviewed em-ployees over 15 months, cited groping, grabbing and touching" of female workers.

Those who complained about the alleged abuse were ostracised, laughed at, or forced to resign, the commission claimed. It cited the case of a man placing an air gun between a woman's legs and pulling the trigger. The factory has 4,000 employees, of whom 800 are women.

Paul Igasaki, the commission's vice-chairman, said that some women were called "sluts, whores and bitches and other names which I cannot

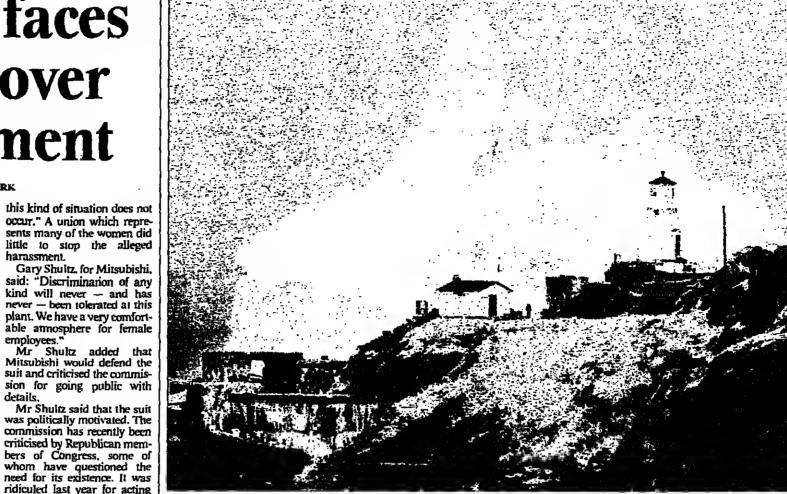
repeat". Obscene graffiti decorated the men's lavatory, including a list of female staff who allegedly had slept with male co-workers. One man found the name of his wife, who also works at the factory, and who was accused of being

involved in group sex. The commission believes that Mitsubishi contravened the Civil Right Acts of 1964, and said that damages, acemployees. cording to a 1991 Act, could reach \$300,000 for each person affected. Mitsubishi faces a possible bill of \$150 million. details. Mr Igasaki said that he ex-pects "to show that from at least 1990 forward the work-

Mr Shultz said that the suit was politically motivated. The commission has recently been ing environment at Mitsucriticised by Republican membishi was characterised by bers of Congress, some of continuous physical and verwhom have questioned the need for its existence. It was bal abuse against women". In a separate action, 30 ridiculed last year for acting female Mitsubishi employees against a restaurant chain have accused the company's which employs long-legged

harassment

Japanese managers of "inac-tion and indifference" to the waitresses in hot pants. Mr Igasaki said the harassment. Mr Igasaki, him-Mitsubishi case "should have self of Japanese descent, did a significant impact beyond not add to these allegations the parties and should send but said: "It may be that the strongest message that Japanese management here sexual harassment in the needs to understand how imworkplace, whether in office suites or on the assembly line, will not be tolerated".



One of the first giant icebergs of the year looms over Fort Amherst at the mouth of the Narrows in the harbour of St John's. Newfoundland, yesterday. Such huge mountains of ice drift down from the north every spring

### **OVERSEAS NEWS** 13

### **Poachers** threaten survival of bears

FROM GILES WHITTELL IN LOS ANGELES

BLACK bears that have thrived in Canada's vast wilderness for millennia are being poached at a rate that threatens their continued existence, conservationists say.

Poachers are killing up to 40.000 black bears a year to supply the Chinese restaurants of Canada, Hong Kong and South Korea with bearclaw soup, considered a great delicacy. Huge sums are also paid for bear gall-bladders for use in oriental medicine.

"If the rate [of killing] keeps going over the next five years. we will lose the species in the wild," Michael O'Sullivan. director of the Humane Society of Canada, said. "We have to do something now."

Bear-claw soup can sell for up to £65 a bowl in Hong Kong, according to British Columbia's Environment Ministry, while bear bile can net more profil than any similar amount of cocaine.



### Bank that likes to say stick 'em up Hanoi: Do Trung Kien may have a lesson for bankers the

world over -- the AK47 rifle is more effective than a stern fax when it comes to collecting stubborn unpaid debts.

Mr Kien, deputy manager of a Vietnamese bank in Ho Chi Minh City, destroyed the image of bankers as cautious men in dark suits when he Erchestrated a commando raid on a company that owed six billion dong (£359,000).

Sixteen employees armed with the Czech-made highvelocity rifles, which belonged to Dank Securar

guards, swooped on the

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merce Secretary whose plane adopted his "favourite role, crashed in Croatia last week, was being buried in Arlington that of comforter of the afflict-National Cemetery yesterday . he offered a shoulder ed . . for the country to cry on," she after President Clinton delivered a televised eulogy. wrote

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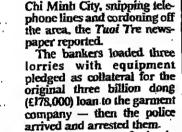
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This is a fantasy for bankers," said an executive from a top Western bank in Hanoi. We dream of doing things like this but bankers have to act within the law." (AFP)

even the most partisan would admit Bob Dole, the Republi-Kennedy, the victims of the Oklahoma City bombing, and Yitzhak Rabin, the assassinated Israeli Prime Minister.

"Clinton seems to excel at such tasks," Richard Cohen, a Washington Post columnist, wrote this week. "Once so young, once so seemingly cal-low, he has somehow emerged of late as a more solid, custodial figure - maybe not, you might argue, a president for all times, but certainly, you would have to concede, a

president for the bad ones." Mary McGrory, another Post columnist, concurred. In the wake of last week's trage-

On the campaign trail, he seeks to make an asset of being inarticulate and claims to be a "doer not a talker", implying Mr Clinton offers only empty words and promises. But public speaking is an essential part of the modern presidency, and Americans expect their President to express the nation's feelings at

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Risk from ageing and unsafe installations worsens ten years after Chernobyl catastrophe

NUCLEAR INDUSTRY IN THE FORMER SOVIET UNION

### Fallout of past neglect puts millions in peril

#### FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN MOSCOW

DECADE after the Chernobyl nuclear accident contaminated vast reaches of Europe with radioacove fallout, millions of inhabitants of the former Soviel Union and its neighbours face the threat of another nuclear disaster.

From the nuclear submarine pens of Russia's Arctic and Pacific fleets, where dozens of vessels lie rotting, to the heavily populated regions of Russia, Ukraine and the Baltic where several dangerous reactors are in operadon, the Chernobyl legacy lives on.

The collapse of communism may have ushered in East-West co-operation on nuclear safety and helped in the emergence of a strong environmentalist movement in Russia, but post-Soviet disorder has also caused a brain drain of leading atomic scientists, created an illicit market for stolen nuclear substances and starved the nuclear industry of funds.

The most pressing concern facing the international community is how to ensure the safety of reactors at several sites dotted across the former Soviet Union, where ageing and unsafe plants are soll operating. The most contro-

#### versial are the RBMK graphposed by civilian reactors ite-moderated reactors of the there is the danger from same design as Chernobyl's Unit 4 which exploded ten Russia's 250-strong nuclear submarine fleet. Over the past years ago. At present, 11 five years more than half of the vessels were taken out of reactors are in service in Russia at the Kursk, Leninservice, but the naval authorigrad and Smolensk plants, two at Chernobyl in Ukraine ties do not have the resources to decomission them and disand two at Ignalina in pose of spent nuclear fuel. Lithuania.

Joshua Handler, a Green-While some efforts have peace expert on Russia's subbeen made over the past few marines, said that the boats, years to improve safety, the based near Murmansk in the design of the RBMK reactors Arctic and Vladivostok, in the Far East, represented a signifi-cant environmental threat to is widely recognised as inherently unsafe and prone to fire.

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local populations and neighbouring states. "The Soviet Professor Adolf Birkhofer, who presided over an internaauthorities never gave any thought to how to decommisdonal conference on the reaciors this week in Vienna, gave a warning that another accision their submarines, with dent was possible and recomthe result that the fleet is in a mended that two reactors in terrible state and some sub-Ukraine and Lilluania should marines have been lying there be shut down permanently. for years." Mr Handler said. Environmentalists are also

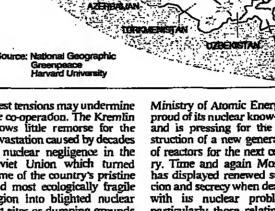
In August 1985, the reactor concerned about the unsafe on board a Soviet submarine exploded in the Far East, plant in Russia's northern Kola Peninsula and another at emitting about one tenth of the Metsamor in Armenia, which radioactivity released by the Chernobyl disaster eight was closed down after the 1986 months later. The weakening earthquake but recently reactivated. As well as the threat of the state's control over the

vast nuclear complex in the former Soviet Union has also led to the theft of nuclear substances, which have been offered for sale. Many in the West regard this as possibly the most threatening security issue of our age.

Although in most cases the substances proved to be worthless radioactive waste, there is suspicion that Russia's mafia is becoming involved and that serious buyers are emerging, possibly among pa-riah states seeking to build nuclear weapons.

According to Avoiding Nuclear Anarchy, a recently released report by Harvard University, there have been six separate incidents recently when highly enriched uranium or plutonium, the essential components for a nuclear bomb, were stolen in Russia. Western funding and exper-tise have been used in fighting

West tensions may undermine the environmental and secthe co-operation. The Kremlin shows little remorse for the urity problems of Russia's nuclear complex, which will devastation caused by decades of nuclear negligence in the Soviet Union which turned be the central issue this month when leaders of the G7 group of leading industrial nations some of the country's pristine and most ecologically fragile gather in Moscow. Despite the international efforts, there are region into blighted nuclear fears that rising nationalism test sites or dumping grounds for nuclear waste. In fact, the in Russia and growing East-



Ministry of Atomic Energy is proud of its nuclear know-how and is pressing for the construction of a new generation of reactors for the next century. Time and again Moscow has displayed renewed suspicion and secrecy when dealing with its nuclear problems, particularly those relating to the military. Viktor Mik-

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hailov, the Nuclear Energy Minister, has emerged as one of the most hawkish figures in the Kremlin. Mr Mikhailov routinely blames "Western disinformation" for disclosures about inadequate safety and security lapses at his nuclear installations. Even more disturbing is President Yeltsin's role. Last July be

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signed a decree stripping a newly formed civilian watch dog of its power to oversee the nuclear safety of military facilities. On two occasions since then American researchers invited to Russia by Moscow to carry out tests for radioactive contamination have been arrested by local security officials for spying.

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### Nuclear plant reactivated in earthquake zone

FROM THOMAS DE WAAL IN METSAMOR, ARMENIA

THE choice was a terrifying one: to leave Armenia virtually without power or to reactivate a nuclear power station built in an earthquake zone.

Armenia chose the second option and in October recommissioned one of two reactors at the Metsamor power station. It had been shul down after the huge earthquake of December 1988.

Now two plumes of smoke coil from cooling towers withARMENIA

1979 accident at Three Mile Island in Pennsylvania. Mr Azatyan said that the lack of a dome had only made them work harder on other safety features to stop a radiation leak in the first place.

Slavik Danielyan, the station's deputy director, said it was a matter of staff training. Your operaturs can eat chocolate as they work, ours have to know more." he said. In the station control room the oper-



A Ukrainian child, Olga Derzhutskaya, siz, is tested after an operation for thyroid cancer

### Settlers return to find peace on poisoned land

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#### FROM LESIA RUDAKEWICH IN TEREMISL UKRAINE

ANNA and Oleksiy Omelchuk live like other rural Ukrainians, Near their wooden house they grow regetables and raise chickens. Their village, Teremtsi, is accessible only by a winding, almost impassable muddy road or by the Dnipro river about 500 yards away. When Mr Omelchuk, 67. comes back from fishing, Mrs Omelchuk, 65, is already at the stove.

But the Omelchuks are not elevated levels of radiation, a typical retired couple. They he came back the next year with his wife.

month. "It is easier to five

bere than in the city." Anna concedes: The con-ditions aren't like the city, but we love it. We plant everything - peppers, tom-atoes, potatoes and check it - in Kiev, you don't know

the house secretly as early as May 1987. "In the first year where food comes from." But settlers are not left people here crept back by boat," he said. "The militia entirely to their own devices. Chernobyl Zone authorities were watching and it was check well water and food But as he did not find for radiation levels, bring medical help, police the area and, most importantly, drive, Ín goods that cannot be According to official radimade at home. Twice a week ation maps, Tereintsi is not among the zone's worst the "auto store" - a lorry delivery - comes by with bread, flour, sugar and other basic goods for villagers to "We serve as a control over the self-settlers," says Andriy Sukhoruchkin of the Pripyat Radiation Monitoring Station. "In 1986 there were problems - they were getting radiation doses three times higher than normal from food, air and water." But he adds: "So far their radiation doses aren't high enough to force them to affected towns. After the leave. Besides, these people accident, winds carrying ra-dioactive fallout hit northern are mostly old, if they were young there would be a more and western regions. Eastern convincing argument to and southern parts, includmove them out." ing the Teremtsi area, were In most ways, life in less affected. Today towns in Teremtsi has not changed is since Soviet times. A freshly the north are still unpopulatcut woodpile, clothes hang-"Our area is cleaner than ing on a line and piles of scythed bay pay tribute to the some places in and around insists Anna. "We daily work. Recreation conwere lucky the way the wind sists of sitting on the steps for a chat with neighbours. Patches of radiation exist As Oleksiy settles down to but self-settlers largely disrea meal of mushroom blini garded the dangers. Even now, despite regular checks, and fried fish, he lifts the traditional shot of homedistilled vodka. However, the toast he proposes is telling: "Against the radionuclides."

said Oleksiy, who worked in a Kiev factory for 25 years and receives about £16 a worked on it, all my investment and effort, I couldn't

in sight of the Armenian holy mountain, Mount Ararat, and only 20 miles west of the capital, Yerevan. The Armenians have spent three years and \$50 million (£33 million) on refitting the reactor and are now host to a long line of

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delegations from nuclear regulatory authorities. "Everyone leaves sarisfied."

Suren Azatyan, the stadon director, said. They have overhauled all

the equipment and installed an extra reserve steam generator. Each of the four generators is bunressed against earthquakes by eight Japa-nese-built stabilisers.

Most of the financing and technical help came from Russia. which trained all the station operators and supplies the reactor with nuclear fuel once a year by air.

The Metsamor reactor, built in 1979, is one of 27 pressurised light-water VVER-440 type units still operating in the former Soviet Union and Eastern Europe,

Although these reactors are without some of the design faults of the graphite Chernobyl-type RBMK stations, they are just as old and share one common feature: the lack of a containment dome around the reactor. A dome of this type prevented a big radiation leak during the

ators were studying comput ers and dials made in the 970s.

The reactors' critics, however, say the refitting amounts to nothing more than patching up a fundamentally flawed structure.

"I am scared by this nuclear oower plant," said Victoria Ter-Nikogosyan, an environmental adviser for the United Nations Development Programme in Armenia. "They say Don't worry, we are doing our best'," she said.

to store waste.

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In Belorussia in particular, where 70 per cent of the Over 30 tonnes of nuclear fuel is still stored in water radiation that leaked from the basins un the station site. destroyed nuclear reactor was Negotiations have only just deposited, more than 400 started with the French firm cases of thyroid cancer among Framatom to build new silos children have been recorded. Scores more were registered in Ukraine where the Chernobyl Armenians seem reconciled

ference said yesterday.

to the return to service of the nuclear power plant is sited. reactor, which supplies about "There can be no doubt that the increase in childhood thytwo fifths of the country's roid cancer is related to the In the winters of 1993 and fallout from Chernobyl," Pro-

1994, because of the lotal energy blockade by Azerbaijan and Turkey, city dwellers were limited to two hours' electricity a day.

At one point, when only the country's presidendal palace nuclear experts. had reliable electricity supplies. The joke went round that a newsreader on the evening television news began his broadcast: "Good evening, Mr disease can largely be treated. "With increased monitoring President".

### Children the main victims of Ukrainian reactor disaster

#### FROM REUTER IN VIENNA

CHILDREN were among the and good treatment, the death main victims of the 1986 rate from thyroid cancer was not expected to rise," another Chernobyl nuclear blast, exexpert said. "If properly treatperts at an international coned, childhood thyroid cancer can be cured.'

Professor Williams told the conference, co-sponsored by the World Health Conference with the Vienna-based International Atomic Energy Agency and the European Comnission, that in the Gomel region of southern Belorussia,

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the area most affected by fessor Dillwyn Williams, of fallout, cases of thyroid cancer Cambridge University, said. reached an average of 92 per He was speaking on the second day of a conference on million children a year. The rate dropped to 14.0 per mil-Chernobyl attended by 700 lion in the rest of Belurussia. delegates. politicians and In England and Wales the comparable figure is 0.5 cases He added, however, that the per million a year. "There is Chernobyl cloud had a silver no doubt that the crude rates lining: with increased scientifof thyroid cancer cases correic and medical knowledge, the late with the fallout distribution," the professor added.

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Ukrainian Prime Minister. repeated a pledge by Kiev to decommission Chernobyl by the year 2000, but said that Ukraine would be paying for the effects of the accident for

Leaders of the Group of Seven leading industrial na-tions - the United States, Britain, Canada, France, Germany, Italy and Japan -meet in Moscow tomorrow week to discuss nuclear safety issues. Financial pledges to pay for the decommissioning

of Chernobyl are expected to be on the agenda. Kiev: Rivers throughout Ukraine, which have risen after the melting of record snowfalls, flooded dozens of towns yesterday, forcing the evacuation of about 1,000 people Officials are particularly concerned about flooding in the 18-mile zone around the

Chernobyl plant, with the threat of contaminated water being carried into drinking supplies. (AP)

live in the Chernobyl Exclusion Zone, an area 18 miles in radius from which people are supposed to be excluded because of radiation from the 1986 Chernobyl accident. Like many older homeowners, they refused to be resettled by the then Soviet Government, which moved everyone out, and re-

turned to their village in 1988. Many had drifted back as early as 1987. In 1989. thousands were returning but the state persisted in driving them out. But since the break-up of the Soviet Union, the Ukrainian Government has relented. Those who moved into the area

gave rise to the term "selfsettler". Today, about 650 selfsettlers are officially registered in the zone. Many announce their presence with a sign at their door -"The owner lives here". Of about 100 official residents in Teremtsi, about 60 have returned Like Oleksiy, most are elderly and stay in the zone for one reason: it is better to be home than anywhere else.

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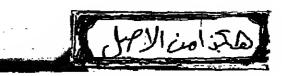
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### Brussels calls on Britain to join new ERM group

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN BRUSSELS

BRITAIN will be expected to play along with a system for linking all European Union currencies to the future euro, the European Commission made clear yesterday as ministers prepared for a meeting to draft plans for a new exchange-rate mechanism.

"Europe is like a rugby team." Yves-Thibault Silguy, the Commissioner for Monetary Affairs, said. There are 15 members and everyone has to work together in the same direction. We don't want one or two sitting by and watching." M de Silguy was responding to questions over whether Britain could be forced to join a new exchange-rate mechanism (ERM) which is being devised to ensure stability once the single currency is launched.

Plans for the new mechanism, backed by almost all other member states but rejected by the British Government, will be drafted by finance ministers at a meeting in Verona which starts tomorrow night. M de Silguy refused to be drawn on whether membership of a new-look ERM could be made compulsory and enforced with sanc-

THE bodies of the slain Sara-

jevo lovers shot as they tried to

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Admira Ismic, a Muslim.

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tions. The Commission is adamant that no schemes for forcing membership by reluctant states are being discussed

Sir Leon Brittan, the Trade Commissioner, noted that Britain could block any such move with its veto. Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, is certain to find himself alone at Verona when he voices Britain's hostility to re-entering a monetary mach-ine which it regards as doomed. Among the other 14 members, only Finland and Sweden have voiced qualms about the scheme. France, Germany and Bel-

gium have been leading the campaign to ensure that the euro is secured against damage from countries seen to be seeking unfair advantage through letting their curren-cies devalue against the core European unit. Italy and Spain, as well as Britain to a lesser extent, are deemed guilty of the offence.

President Chirac of France said last month that Germany agreed with him on the need for a "binding exchange-rate system linking the euro and the currencies that remain temporarily outside the single

currency". M Chirac talked of possible "sanctions" and continental officials have aired various ideas, including fines or the payment of EU transfers in national currencies

rather than the euro. M de Silguy, who is leading a campaign to keep monetary union on the rails, said there was agreement among EU states on the need for a new ERM. Ministers at Verona would work to find a way of attaining stability among the "ins" and "pre-ins", as he prefers to call the majority of states which are likely to be excluded or to opt out of monetary union. Once the decision was taken to create a new ERM, the rest of the job would be technical, he said. In a letter to the Italian Government, the host of this weekend's Verona meeting, Mr Clarke said that the turmoil of 1992, when Britain was

forced out, and of 1993, when the ERM was watered down, showed that market forces would always play havoc with schemes for fixed links among currencies. However, M de Silguy said

that Europe needed "solidarity" in the face of aggression from the currency markets.

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condemn Chinese leader FROM ADAM SAGE IN PARIS

**Protesters** 

HUMAN rights demonstra-tors blocked the Champs-Elysées in Paris yesterday as part of their protests against the four-day state visit to France by Li Peng, the Chinese

Prime Minister. As Mr Li prepared to sign five contracts worth a total of 10 billion francs (£1.3 billion) with his French counterpart. Alain Juppe, members of Amnesty International briefly stopped traffic. About 150 members sus-

pended a banner across the avenue which read: "Who will talk about human rights with Mr Li?" The protest was swiftly halted by police who arrested them all before releasing them on bail.

Later, several human rights groups held another demonstration at the Trocadero, in central Paris.

The action came amid mounting controversy over the Chinese Premier's visit. Opposition Socialist Party figures say the Gaullist-led Government is so keen for Mr Li to buy French products that it has ignored human rights abuses in Tibet and China. Last night, Mr Li was due

to agree to purchase 30 Airbus A-320 planes and three A-340s, for a total of \$1.7 billion [E1.] billion).



Human rights demonstrators greet Li Peng on his arrival in Paris yesterday

### Sarajevo mourns its fallen lovers

FROM STACY SULLIVAN IN SARAJEVO

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war I would be killed before I grave. Two floral wreaths then could finish this," said were placed on a mound of Admira's father, Zijah Ismic. earth at the site, a purple satin as he shoveled the first mound cloth with the words "To the dear children" placed between of earth over the coffins of his

### Serbs reject invitation

Brussels: Bosnian Serb lead-(£787 million) of aid for the reconstruction of Bosnia. ers were reported last night to have rejected a last-minute Carl Bildt, the representative; following Orthodox Serbian invitation to attend this weekmanaging the civilian side of end's Brussels gathering of the Dayton peace accord. ioternational deners iea Bos

(Charles Bremner writes).

The meeting will be asked

to pledge another \$1.2 billion.

them. Admira and Bosko, both 25, were trying to escape the ethnic hatred that had torn their country apart to pursue a new life abroad when they were killed on Vrbanja Bridge. Their bodies lay in a frozen embrace for eight days while Muslims and Serbs argued over who had killed them and who would risk retrieving the bodies.

When yesterday's ceremony ended, Nera Ismic, Admira's mother, kissed the grave stone as the procession of mourners left in silence.

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said Ivan Maric, one of the

gravediggers. "It must never

happen again."

### **Chechens accused of** village bomb attacks

#### BY THOMAS DE WAAL

THE commander-in-chief of the Russian Air Force yesterday accused Chechen rebels of blowing up their own villages to undermine the peace proand Katyr-Yurt and planted cess in the republic

mines there in "an attempt General Petr Deinekin, in made to compromise our air his first appearance before the force." Witnesses who had press since the mass bomseen overflying planes were bardment of Chechenia in the winter of 1994, disclaimed all responsibility for bombing raids last week in Chechenia in which many civilians were killed. ?

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He insisted that the bombing raids had "ended com-

#### **OVERSEAS NEWS** - 15

Hamas 'to wage war on Arafat'

Jerusalem: Yassir Arafat, the Palestinian Authority President, said yesterday that Hamas Islamic extremists were planning war against his selfrule government and said the commanders were based in Jordan (Ross Dunn writes). Jordan has always denied

suggestions that Hamas military leaders responsible for attacks against Israelis operate inside the country.

"This is a declaration of war," Mr Arafat told members of his legislative council as he read from a document he claimed had been written by Hamas.

### Andreotti trial must start again

Rome: The trial of Giulio Andreotti, the former Italian Prime Minister, on charges of being the Mafia's top protector in Rome was stopped in Palermo because one of the judges needs eye surgery (Richard Owen writes). The trial will start again in mid-May. Signor Andreotti goes on trial today in Perugia on a separate charge of involvement in the murder of an anti-Mafia journalist in 1979.

### China shuts third of rail stations

Peking: China will close al-most one third of its passenger railway stations to boost efficiency on the creaking national network, the Xinhua news agency said yesterday. The closure of 1.566 passenger stations, which average only 20 passengers a day, is part of a package intended to bring the state-owned system into the market economy. (Reuter)

### **Quick hair cut** saves the day

with a pair of scissors, a police

officer abseiled down and

telling "sheer lies". Sydney: An emergency hair cut is being credited with saving the life of an Australian Fierce fighting has continued unabated in southern Chechenia since President Yeltsin declared a ceasefire woman whose long blonde and unveiled a peace plan on hair jammed in her climbing harness while abseiling down March 31. In just two of many flashpoints. hundreds to a diff outside Sydney, Armed

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**Prince throws** Monaco yesterday emerged as an unlikely ally of one of

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which is threatened with

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For his wild new movie Twelve Monkeys, which opens here next week, Terry Gilliam had to tame Hollywood stars and moguls before they could tame him. See the Magazine on Sunday PLUS 32 pages of men's fashion



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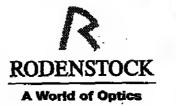
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### **BODY AND MIND**

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### New findings shed light on glaucoma Sight for sore eyes

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ABOUT ten years ago doorman at my club was not his usual cheery self when he greeted me one evening. One of his eyes was red, the pupil slightly dilated, and he comslightly dilated, and ne con-plained of severe pain and some loss of vision. My role at Moorfields Eye Hospital had been in the venereology department, but even to a nonspecialist doctor the diagnosis of acute glaucoma was probable. Acute glaucoma has obvious

signs and symptoms. But the most common type - the chronic simple variety, technically known as primary open-angle glaucoma — is often

asymptomatic other than that the patient's vision is progressively restricted.

Glaucoma is second only to cataracts as a cause of loss of sight in the world and it accounts for 15 per cent of blindness in the UK. Two per cent of 40-year-olds and 10 per cent of those in their seventies have a raised pressure of the fluid within the eye, a finding often associated with glaucoma

Doubt is now cast un the traditional concept that glaucoma can be diagnosed merely by measuring the intraocular pressure. This can be estimated either by tonometry, in which the pressure is measured with a small device applied to the surface of the eye, or by the puff-of-air technique used by optometrists.

The current thinking on the causes, diag-nosis and treatment of glaucoma has recently been reviewed by Roger Hitchings. a consultant at Moorfields, in a report

published in the British Journal of Hospital Medicine. The early diagnosis of a raised intraocular pressure is still important as it is a very

significant risk factor for the development of glaucoma. It is found that the greater the pressure the greater the likelihood of developing glaucoma, although not everyone who has a raised pressure develops it. Primarv open-angle glaucoma is now thought of as a degenerative condition of the optic nerve. The raised intraocular pressure may predispose a patient to this degeneration, and so may other

factors including a poor blood supply to the optic nerve such as occurs in patients whose blood pressure is either too high or too low. Some patients, for instance, with a raised blood pressure are over-treated so that when they are asleep the blood pressure falls to levels which may interfere with the blood supply to the optic nerve. A family history of glaucoma and race --

black races have more glaucoma than white - are other important risk factors. By studying the optic nerve at the back of the eye with three-dimensional optic disc biomicroscopy during a slit-lamp examination of the eye, specialists can detect early changes in the optic nerve two years before there is any loss of vision. Treatment for chronic simple glaucoma is either medical, laser or surgical, and it is now possible to prescribe effective eye drops for those people in whom beta-blocking drops produce serious side effects.



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be from a cancer of the urinary tract. Fortunately his symptoms proved to be the result of kidney stones. After the diagnosis had been made the next question was whether or not his appreciation of good wine had been a factor in the formation of these stones. Luckily it was possible to reassure him. as a study published in the American Journal of Epidemiology of 45.289 men between the ages of 40 and 75 had shown that coffee, tea, beer and wine, when taken in reasonable amounts, actually lower the risk of kidney stone formation. Conversely, people who had rejected alcohol, tea and coffee in favour uf fruit juices had a higher incidence of kidney stones.

Wine was the most efficient drink at reducing the likelihood of forming urinarytract stones, culting the rate by 39 per cent. Beer drinkers were 21 per cent less likely to develop stones and those who took tea and coffee had a 10 per cent reduction. The fruitjuice drinkers were 35 per cent more likely to

### Don't take your pills lying down

PATIENTS tend to look askance at their doctors when they are advised that pills and tablets should be swallowed while they are standing up, and that they

terror began. To Roland

Boyes, MP for Houghton and

Washington, his monthly

speech to the constituency

party was as familiar and -

he occasionally chided himself

- as predictable as the ship-

Now there was only a lengthening hush in the local

YMCA and a row of puzzled

faces as he stood, feeling

perspiration trickle down his

back and groping for the words which would not come.

"Someone prompted me in the

end. He gave me the sentence I

Over the next weeks, that

wanted, and I was all right."

phrase was to become a man-

tra. "I'm all right," he would

tell his wife, Pat, as she grew

increasingly anxious. "I'm all

right," he would reassure

alarmed colleagues at West-

ping forecast.

shouldo't be taken just before going to bed or even before going to sit in a car or by the television set. Pills should be washed down with liberal quantities of fluid and the patient should then, preferably, wander about until enough time has elapsed for them to have reached the stomach.

Evidence that advice on pill swallowing is medically important has been provided this week by the reports on the side effects which have been recorded when Fosamax, the new and potentially very useful anti-osteoporosis drug, is incorrectly swallowed.

Like many drugs, Fosamax, if not taken properly, can dissolve in the gullet (oesophagus), where it can cause an acute inflammation or even ulceration. The lining of the oesophagus is often unable to withstand many chemicals whereas the stomach lining is tougher. If a pill or tablet is taken when the patient is standing upright it is less likely to be delayed at the bottom of the oesophagus,

Slide into dementia e was halfway through his rally-The Labour MP Roland Boyes and his wife tell ing call to the faithful when the Mary Riddell about his desperate battle to

overcome the effects of Alzheimer's disease

him permit him to do so. Exactly a year has passed, and we are sitting in the office where he, still an MP, works a full day, seeing his constituents and dealing with their problems. He has never before spoken about his illness. The marvel is that he can do so now. Bot he is funny, lucid and positive about his battle to overcome the disease. "We've just gone on with our normal life. You either slope down into

nothingness or you get on with the job. That's what I have In front of him is last year's pocket diary. "Look, I wanted to show you this. Thursday, February 16. I'd been at an animal welfare do in the

with a string of university degrees, Mr Boyes, now 59, rose through local government to be the MEP for Durham. Elected to Westminster in 1983, he moved swiftly to the Labour front beach - first with the environment team, then at defence. Had Neil Kinnock won the general election, ministerial office seemed likely.

Il of that flashed through Pat Boyes's mind in the moment A she was told what was wrong with him. "It was such a grey area. They said: Your husband has Alzheimer's, and there is no cure,' and I felt as if f was living in him to tell the time again with a child's toy clock. In hospital, outpatient staff encouraged him to perform simple tasks. They got me to draw a cube and write my address on an

envelope. They'd show me a baby's rattle and ask me to tell them what it was for. For a while I couldn't talk and get lost. at all. It was as if I was living in blackness." As the darkness reced-'He's so ed sufficiently for him to travel to different, Westminster for key votes, he decided that — whatever his fate — he but there should strive to are flashes help others. A bril-

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at the general election dropped by to visit. Only Pat Boyes, who had watched her, hus-band's tenacious fight for political recognition, almost wept on his behalf.

Where is the real Roland?, she wanted to cry. Come back to me. And then, calmer, she took him off to book their holiday on a cruise ship. This year he filled in the forms. unaided and paid with his gold card. Last year, she could not leave his side to swim. for fear that he would wander off

Another step forward, but she yearns for more "He's so day ferent from the old Roland, but flashes are coming through. He is improving. It may be the drugs. It may be the vitamins. We're desperate, you see. We'll by of the old

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## Sister Frigidaire v Steel Magnolia

Bob Dole and Bill Clinton prepare to slug it out in America's impending presidential election, the most intriguing sub-plot is what promises to be an epic proxy battle between their wives,

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Elizabeth Dole and Hillary Rodham Clinton are known re-spectively as the Steel Magnolia and Sister Frigidaire. Both boast Who's Who entries longer than their husbands', testaments to their apparently limitless energy and determination to achieve. Mrs Clinton's campaigning zeal is well documented. In Elizabeth Dole, however, she appears to have met her match. Mrs Dole spends so much time on the road that she and her husband Bob. the Republican presidential nominee and Senate leader, fax their daily schedules to each other. Indeed, when these two incur-

able workaholics celebrated their twentieth wedding anniversary last year, she was in Iowa and he in Washington. Each had special dinners delivered to the other aod ate them while talking on the telephone. One of Mrs Dole's favourite toys

is a torch-pen that allows her to draw up to-do lists in the night without waking her husband on the rare occasions they are home together in their small flat in Washington's Watergate complex. Once, when she was asleep before he returned and had to leave before he woke, she remembered he was addressing a group she had spoken to the previous day. She stuck a message on the

bathroom mirror that read: "Don't use the joke about making the bed, I already used it." To say she is formidable is clearly an understatement. In Elizabeth Dole, the First Lady has finally encountered a woman ev-

accomplished as herself. Elizabeth Hanford was born 59 rears ago to a wealthy family in Salisbury, North Carolina. She was raised a southern belle -

riding, taking ballet les-sons and attending debutantes' balls - an upbringing far re-moved from Mrs Clin-ton's modest childhood in the suburbs of Chicago. But her subsequent résumé easily matches

the First Lady's. Mrs Clinton, who is 48, was class president at the prestigious Wellesley College, Mrs Dole was Duke University's student president and May Queen. Mrs Clinton went on to Yale Law School. Mrs Dole. after a brief stint at Oxford, went on to Harvard Law School. From Yale, Mrs Clin-

ton went to Washington as a lawyer for the congressional Watergate committee that voted to impeach President Nixon, then married Bill and moved to Arkansas where she taught then practised law. From Harvard Mrs Dole, at that time a registered Democrat, went to Washington to

work in Lyndon Johnson's White House and never left. When Nixon replaced LBJ, Mrs Dole abandoned the Democrats and somehow contrived to remain in the new Republican White House. In 1973 Nixon made her a Federal Trade Commissioner. In 1981, after The New York Times

had described her as "one of the most stunning women ery bit as smart, driven and in Washington", President Reagan made her Transportation Secretary. In 1988 President Bush made her Labour Secretary and the only woman ever to hold Cabinet posts

Beneath America's presidential election, a more subtle battle is promised. Martin Fletcher on the contest between Hillary Clinton and Elizabeth Dole



Let battle begin ... Hillary Clinton, left, has met in Elizabeth Dole a woman every bit as driven as herself

Three years later Mrs Dole became head of the American Red Cross. She has never had children but claims her public service more than compensates. Like Mrs Clinton, she is a

minutes every day reading the Bible. Like Mrs Clinton, she has an almost evangelical desire to similarities end.

still frequently comes across as cold, domineering and self-righteous. She crusades, but too often appears to love humanity only in the abstract. She flaunts her feminism in a deeply conservative country.

conceals her inner steel threaten anybody". and ambition beneath a Mrs Clinton may be more gracious southern honest about her role and have the charm. She has that greater courage of her convictions, ability to make everybut she has made herself an one she meets feel speirresistible target in the process. She has spawned a legion of cial, looking them in the enemies bent on destroying her. eye and holding a handshake those few She has suffered endless investigations of her private and professionextra seconds. Above

Mrs Dole is far sub-

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She is, says Senator Dole, a

"sensible feminist" who "doesn't

al life. She has become the most

y contrast, nobody has shown much appende for

investigating Mrs Dole's

financial affairs, though

Mrs Dole offers warmth and

advice. She exploits the compelling

story of his near-fatal war wounds

and the long banle to recover in a

way her reticent husband cannot.

she will be one of their greatest

assets during the next eight months and Mrs Clinton one of

the President's biggest liabilities,

and while direct attacks on the

First Lady might be counter-

productive they will seize every

chance to contrast the two women.

"In any comparison ... Elizabeth

Dole is going to come out wonder-

fully well," said one Dole cam-

paign strategist. If Mr Dole does win in Novem-

The Republicans are confident

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polarising and unpopular First her independence. Lady on record, and the only one ever subpoenaed to appear before Mrs Dole would never insist on being called Elizabeth Hanford a Federal Grand Jury. Dole the way Mrs Clinton insists on being called Hillary Rodham Clinton. She would never sarcastically tell critics that "I could have her personal wealth has increased and questions have been raised stayed home, baked about her blind trusts. A recent cookies and had teas". poll in The Washington Post showed her fans outnumbered her While Mrs Clinton refuses to appear subservient. Mrs Dole has detractors by three to one. four times taken protracted leaves of abvitality to offset her husband's sence from top jobs to dourness. She gives astute political

help Bob Dole's presidennial and vice-presidential campaigns. Mrs Dole would certainly not be a passive and ornamental First Lady, but recoils from the idea of becoming a significant public player in her husband's administration - as Mrs Clinton did so disastrously when she tried to reform America's healthcare system. Her approach is more incremental. If her husband wins, she plans to return to her \$200,000-a-year Red

ber. his wife's reward will be, at long last, a house of her own -- at Cross job and become the first 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, When the Doles married in 1975 she President's wife to work full-time outside the White House. That moved temporarily into her husmuch the American public would band's Watergate bachelor pad, probably swallow because the Red fully intending to buy a proper Cross is a charity and First Ladies home at the earliest opportunity. Somehow they never found time. are supposed to do good works.

in two different administrations, devout Methodist, and spends 30

improve the world; but there the Despite all her work on behalf of women and children, Mrs Clinton In praise of cellulite

your husband's stomach as it Why can't we throw away jiggles with every movement of his foaming toothbrush, on the large-bikinied buttocks which thunder past you on a holiday beach, on the undulating "love handles" of the coarse builder who paves your drive in summer.

heated encasements? Why don't we take all those fatthose all-over body rubs, those seaweed-based gels, those elasticated bandsges, those detoxifying clay solutions, those lymphatic therapies?

·Forget the bras ... why woman" - and dump the can't we just make a giant bonfire of all those gauze

is nothing but fat, a substance which women's bodies tend to specialise in to an extent greater than those of men. It is neither a disease nor an affliction and has, in fact, rather a pretty name. Cellulite. How much more

whole slimy lot in the high

have written his Hymn to St Cecilia thus:

> Blonde Cellulite rose up Moved to delight by the melodv White as on orchid she

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reducing aminophylline creams, those coagulants with polysyllabic formulae, those essential oils for the mature

seas a hundred miles from charming it would seem to us

forklift trucks, or play gameslike rugby, or drink from pintglasses, or be restaurant chefs or fail to wear make-up. But the fairer sex. I have to stress. has my ungrudging support on one bodily issue - that of cellulite.

am not, and never will be,

a feminist man. I don't

. think women should be in

the Armed Forces, or drive

Let us be

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proud of our

dimples, says

Varadarajan

Let us face the too, too solid facts: many of us suffer from : cellulite, and there are as many unhappy male cellulitists out there as there are women who think their stomachs are unsightly. And as the tabloids have now told us this week, the Princess of Wales has also joined the cellulite-



Royal thighs the Princess at the Chelsea Harbour Club

afflicted battalions; travelling to her chic riverside fitness club in a coat long enough to veil every blemish on the royal thighs. There is no body yet devised

which does not succumb to the

telltale, subcutaneous dimpled effect. You can see it at home and in public, on parts of the body both intimate and obvious: on your wife's upper thighs as she dries herself after a morning shower, on

Yet it is women - only women - who are under pressure to do something about it. Of course we all want women to have lovely, shapely thighs, undimpled stomachs and buttocks without lumps. But are the bassle and fuss about cellulite, the stiff cost involved in keeping it at bay and the accompanying neuroses which drive otherwise healthful women to tears, real-

ly things which our society should be proud of? No, I say, and with vehemence. Let there be cellulite, and let women have it, too.

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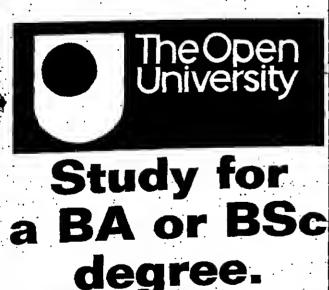
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### When should you shop the boss?

#### Giles Coren on the growing pressures to become the office sneak

BEN GUNN, the Chief Condence that his former employstable of Cambridgeshire. ers had lied about a "safer must be feeling as betrayed as cigarette", teams of private his shaggy-haired namesake in Treasure Island. In Steinvestigators were called in to discredit him, and he lost his venson's novel Gunn was job. Just as Manchester Unimarooned by his fellow pi-rates - now he has been left ted forward Andrei Kanchelskis lost his, after openly high and dry again, nabbed for speeding by his own condemning manager Alex Ferguson bia space shuttle, and the disasters at Piper Alpha and

officers. It is becoming more common for anderlings to turn on their employers. MPs are examining the Public Interest Disclosure Bill, which seeks to protect individuals who blow the whistle. Its plans to protect them from dismissal will be some consolation to the traffic cops who eschewed

loyalty to the boss for loyalty to the public. For while Mr Gunn's career is sure to survive the outcry.

can they hope for the same lenience? When the head of research for Brown & Williamsoo Tobacco, in America, gave evi-

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have been avoidable, had employees only shopped their bosses. While in America you can buy a guide on "When to Rat on the Boss" the practice had been considered un-British - as squealing on friends. But now a whistle-blowers' charity has been set up, Public Concern at Work, and Stephen Dorrell's exhortation to doctors to expose incompetent colleagues has been labelled the "whistle-blower's charter": The stakeholder is dead. Long live the whistle-blower.

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Zeebrugge are all thought to

### **Beware a** slaughter too far

An open letter to the Minister of Agriculture, Douglas Hogg, from Nicholas Budgen

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Dear Douglas, I hope that a word of warning from a small farmer and hack provincial barrister will not be considered too impertinent, even though it is addressed to a successful minister and distinguished silk. Just two points. One breeding herds and dairy herds are different. Two: a European compulsory slaughter policy on these herds will be very difficult to enforce.

A preliminary word of sympathy. Your confusion is reflected in the confusion of the Bridsh people. I'm sorry that you had a bit of trouble at first with Ken Clarke. He is right about the money. The farmers are a bit like lawyers working on legal aid. They consider themselves independent gentlemen and yet want as much as possible of the taxpayers' money. You can ber that any compensation scheme will be more expensive than anticipated.

Why are breeding herds and dairy herds different? I'm not sure that I can explain or justify my assertion but I can tell you that they are. We draw strange lines in our relations with animals. You, I believe, do a bit of rough shooting. I don't want to stop

anyune else shoot-ing but I do not want to shoot myself. Yet I have hunted all my life. Farmers draw a line between the animals to go to slaughter and those kept for breeding and milking. When Daisy can no longer

milk well or produce a suckler calf, we send her to the barren cow market. We send her with regret, but it is all part of the cycle of life and death on the farm. There seems nothing wrong about it. It does not maner much to the farmer whether McDonald's, the Britb taxpaver or the European

Commission. They believe that you have agreed to bring forward such plans at the end of the month. Worse, we hear that the French and the Germans will only help if we help on their proposals elsewhere - for instance, over the ERM. So there is a real chance that you will be forced into taking action which you regard as unnecessary and disproportionate. (I suppose they have got you by the system of qualified majority voting.)

Touch the herds and you're in for trouble. For a farmer who keeps animals, his herd is the centre of his life. He has tended it. He has got up at 5 ani every morning to milk the cows. Even a part-time beef farmer has calved cows in the middle of the night. He has given up time and money and eisure to improve his herd. To kill the herd is to kill a part of him and his family. So you think that this is a

silly, sentimental view which will nut be reflected in the attitude of modern farmers? Well, get your officials to look up the records of foot-andmouth disease in the late 1960s. The disease was contagious. The slaughter policy was based upon scientific evidence. The policy was agreed

by everyone in authority to be a neces-You are on however sity, unpleasant. The a slippery law was the domestic law. Yet for all slope with this, many profes-sionals will tell you compulsory of farmers and their wives who stood at slaughter the end of their drives, shotguns at

the ready, determined to repel the Ministry men. A row now over the compul-sory slaughter of herds will show the difference between European and domestic law. You have already demolished any justification for a compulsory slaughter policy. You said



### Wine, women and Labour

### ike most journalists I have often thought it would be pleasant to make my fortune by writing a bestseller, but have seldom got beyond the first

page, let alone the first chapter. As readers might guess, my imagination leant towards the historical romantic fiction of A.E.W. Mason or the Bar-oness Orczy. Not for me the heroics of the racecourse, the American bar, the prisoner-of-war camp or MI6. I preferred the more leisurely adventures that could be set in earlier centuries, in a period not only before John le Carre, or lan Fleming, but even before John Buchan.

I have only been left with a few opening lines: "Colonel von Blitzen's monocle fell into the brown windsor soup. 'Mein Gott, ma'am!' he splut-tered." "The prime minister lovingly lit his cigar: 'I need a couple of million lonight, Rothschild, to buy the Suez Canal'. ""The shot ran out; the bullet ierced the ribbon of his VC and ming that the

### Why should rich socialists like the Folletts prefer tea to champagne?

count of the back-biting that has followed. The Folletts are accused of being "champagne socialists" - presumably a lesser offence than Nye Bevan's role as a "Bollinger Bolshe-vik" at the court of Lord Beaverbrook. period of satisfaction.

The local criticisms cover a number of points. "I think she has been here to try and get on." says one Labour volunteer. "I can't understand someculture, but it is not confined to the one with all that money coming in as a Labour candidate. I'm not happy about that Follett woman. What does she know about the people in Stevenage and their problems?" asks an unemployed Labour supporter. ence, and its dominance by anti-democratic, left-wing factions, is symptomatic of this green-eyed social Why does she need

another house? She

should have given it

Conservative Party is by no means free William Rees-Mogg ra Follett does want to "get on". She has a proper ambition to get into Parlia-

know how much champagne is actually consumed by champagne socialists. Bismarck calculated that he had drunk 10,000 bottles of champagne and smoked 50,000 ci-gars in his lifetime. But he is usually, sars in rus meaner, but ne is usually, though perhaps wrongly, regarded as a man of the Right. My impression is that champagne socialists are really dry white wine socialists defect: the Labour Party has rein-forced this odious social attitude, which is just as bad as ordinary snobbery; we can afford a brief nowadays, a good white burgundy from Berry Brothers in the Hamp-It should only be a brief period. No doubt the Labour Party has played on stead set, and something quite acceptthe social envy that exists in British able from the Napa Valley in

Islington. Whichever it is, drinkable wine is a sign of humanity. One of the troubles of the Labour Party has been its inheritance of the cold traditions of English puritanism. In the most successful Labour administration, Clement Attlee's from 1945 to 1951. austerity was valued for its own sake, particularly by Sir Stafford Cripps, and was imposed on people who did not share this puritan ethic. Even

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### Making friends of the fiends **Magnus Linklater** on how to handle violent children

The cemetery in the small min-ing town of Larkhall, Lanark-shire, was vandalised at Easter. Nearly 100 headstones, some of them dating back more than a century, were wrenched from the grass, smashed or upended. Visitors on Easter Monday were confronted with a scene of desecration where once there had been a neat, well-

tended graveyard. A wrecked cemetery is always a shocking sight — this was a crude and cowardly act of destruction — but what made things worse in this case was that it seemed to have been the work of teenagers, some even younger. Larkhall, where acts of random violence have become almost a way of life, has been described as a town under siege from young people.

Larkhall is by no means unique. Further north, the headmaster of a school in the gentle town of Forfar bas had to campaign to stop his younger pupils using obscene words as a routine part of their vocabulary. This week's conference of the Nat-ional Association of Schoolmasters and Union of Women Teachers heard evidence that some three-year-olds now cause such mayhem in class that they have to be sent home from nurseries. A friend of mine, who. teaches young children in London says that this year's intake is the most difficult she has ever had to manage. "A generation without rules", is the

way one commentator describes those young people who have no structure to their home lives, whose parents may be separated or simply absent, or who are deprived of the normal routine of family life. With no codes of behaviour and no conventional relationships to guide them, it is unsurprising if they drop out of society. These are children who have lost their place.

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What is more disturbing is the resentment that may go with that. A generation for whom society has little to offer may simply turn against it. extracting retribution for a suffering they cannot resolve in any other way. Smashing gravestones, terrorising a village, or making a young teacher's life hell may be the only way they have of avenging their sense of loss. But whatever the root causes of youth violence, the end product is depressingly predictable - a steady progression of young offenders passing through juvenile courts, secure accommodation and then prison. Britain has the largest prison population in Europe, and it is in the disjointed families, the unruly classrooms or the teenage street gangs that the problems begin. That is where it should be tackled: prevention rather than punishment should be the guiding principle. That, however, is not how the judicial system in England and Wales works. The Home Office response is to build yet more prisons or to explore Amercian-style strategies which offer short, sharp shocks rather than longterm recovery programmes. Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, has a simplistic response to violent crime lock up the offenders and keep them off the streets for as long as possible. But this leaves little chance of developing a penal policy that at-tempts to deal with the problem before children grow up. T n Scotland, the children's panel system - the nearest equivalent to an English juvenile court takes as its starting point the needs rather than the deeds of a child in trouble. Its decisions carry legal weight, but it has no punitive role. Instead, it seeks to address the circumstances which bave brought a child before it. A case may be referred by police, social worker or school. The child may be involved in truancy. petty crime, abuse or anything that seems likely to put a child at risk. The panel can convene everyone involved in the case - parents, teachers, social workers or friends - to discuss the background and to come up with decisions aimed at addressing the root cause of the problem rather than assigning blame.

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You have already come a long way since your first suggestion that you would buy up the barren cows voluntarily. Your friends in Europe last week forced you into the 30-month rule. Under the amendment order of April 3, no person may sell for human consumption any meat derived from a bovine animal aged over two years and six munths. As you know, this doesn't have much effect upon the heifer market. They get fat before 30 months. However, an unknown proportion of bullocks are traditionally killed at ages over two-and-ahalf years. Some people estimate that up to 80 per cent of fatted bullocks are sold over the age limit. They are each worth between £800 and £1.000. This sum could be multiplied by between a quarter and half-a-million bullocks. As Ken would point out, quite a bit of tax relief.

You are on a dangerous slope over the compulsory slaughtering of selected herds. You told the House of Commons last week that you were "looking at" some plans for selecuve slaughter uf herds at high risk of BSE. This is not how it is understood in the

worldwide ban on our exports was not based upon scientific evidence and was unjust and disproportionate. The compulsory slaughter policy will be a part of the price of buying off a ban that ought never to have been upon us. Further, there's no scientific evidence to support the slaughter of herds.

What about the rule of law, you will ask. Well, we strain the rule of law by telling our people that we cannot change our European masters and legislators and that we have no hope of amending their njust and cruel laws. I wonder if Britain will obey

laws requiring the compulsory slaughter of breeding stock and dairy herds. Just think of the images un television. The crying farmer, the distressed wife, the distraught stockmen. The JCB pushing carcasses on to a great fire ar into a vast pit. You appearing on Newsnight to explain to Jerenny Paxman that there is no scientific justification for the slaughter. Who will the British public support? Of course, you'll get the blame. The cause of Euroscepticism

will get the benefit. Yours ever, Nicholas The author is Conservative MP for Wolverhampton South-West.

Despite the fact penetrated the honest heart that beat that the Folletts beneath it." "As he kissed her swanhave sponsored the like neck, his cavalry moustache caught awkwardly in the lacing of her bodice." "The ace of spades be kit of the top-scoring striker at damned, 'he whispered, and fell back Stevenage Borough dead into her arms."

It can be seen that any of these lines might have been the start of a real page-turner, but my trouble is that I have no narrative fluency. I could never work out what might happen next

Nevertheless, the experience of repeated failure has made me realise how difficult it is to write a bestseller. and given me a proper respect for those who have mastered the art. I even have great respect for Jeffrey Archer, who has done what I failed to do. Naturally, this admiration extends to Ken Follett. I have several of his novels in paperback on my shelves, most of which I have read while flying the Atlantic. In the days when I was a trade publisher, I would have signed almost any contract to persuade him to write for Sidgwick & Jackson. It is said that his books have been so successful that he. like Lord Archer, is more than a

millionaire. Ken Follett is a supporter of the Labour Party, and his wife, Barbara, is actually the Labour candidate for stevenage, a marginal Tory seat which Labour expects to win. In Tuesday's Times Julia Llewellyn Smith wrote a most intriguing ac-

tion, but there always is. At first sight one can take a certain leasure in the discomforture of the Folletts, which will, after all, be much assuaged when Barbara Follett is duly returned as the Member of Parliament for Stevenage at the next election. The Labour Party has made social envy part of its stock-in-trade from the beginning. Now that Labour has become the

preferred choice of many well-to-do middle-class people, they can only expect to get a taste of their own medicine. As a first reaction, that is fair enough. Britain is a country which is steeped in the boring self pity of inverted snobbery; where Americans admire success, we tend to treat it as some sort of personality

Football' Club - something that prepared to put a lot of work into achieving it. This is her third anempt. would never have occurred to me -Barbara Follett is also criticised for Even this ambinon is seen as an object of envy by her more meannot talking to the young voters who go to the Yorkshire Grey pub, which minded supporters. Perhaps overis the Folletts' local. These young weening ambition can be a fault, but cople are said to earn £100 a week, Barbara Follett is not some kind of which does not seem a lot, and to dotty Napoleon, willing to sacrifice spend £95 of it on Friday and millions to her personal glory. She is simply a hard-working woman with Saturday nights, which sounds improvident, if the landlord has got his a social conscience. One may disfigures right. There is also some agree with her politics, but it is criticism about a planning applicaimportant that able people should sacrifice their time and comfort to political work.

Nobody can say that the Folletts are likely to benefit personally from the policies of the Labour Party. No doubt they are rich; by British, though not by American or Hong Kong standards, they may be exceptionally rich. That means that they already pay substantial income taxes. Despite this Government's unsatisfactory tax record, the Conservatives are likely on average to impose lower marginal rates of income tax than Labour. That difference may or may not prove a large one, but whatever it may be, the Folletts are not acting in their own personal interest in supporting Labour.

Labour Party. Unfortunately, it is

endemic, and, if anything, seems to

be getting worse. The sourness of the

National Union of Teachers' confer-

bitterness. Even the

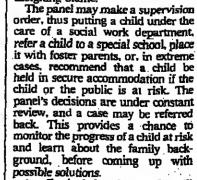
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Then there is champagne. f do not

No doubt Barbatoday Tony Benn combines left-wing orthodoxy with tectotalism, and would, I imagine, view Tony Blair's set as both unacceptably right-wing and as too pleasure-loving for his ment, and has been

> ne of my own objections to socialist theory is that socialists so often do get They think that no one should drink champagne unless everyone can do so. I believe in the politics of pluralism, which were so well described by John Locke. "The mind has a different relish, as well as the palate; and you will as fruitlessly endeavour to delight all men with riches or glory (which yet some men place their happiness in) as you would satisfy all men's hunger with cheese or lobsters, which though very agreeable and delicious fare to some are to others extremely nauseous and offensive ... Men may choose different things, and yet all choose right, supposing them only like a company of poor insects, whereof some are bees, delighted with flowers and their sweetness, others beetles, delighted with other kinds of viands."

if the Follets do prefer chilled champagne to stewed tea, that is their choice, and I shall toast in Pol Roger their right to enjoy it. I regard them as numbered among the busy bees, willing to work hard for the flowers and sweetness of life.



An offender below the age of 16 will always be referred initially to a children's panel rather than a court. If the child denies charges, the case will be referred to a sheriff's court. Once proof has been established the case will come back to the children's panel, not to assign punishment but to seek a way forward.

The children's panel system is not without its faults: it has found no answer to the teenage gangs of Larkhall. But it is certainly a more humane and far sighted approach to a lost generation than anything available in England and Wales, or even the rest of Europe. It was a Scottish judge, Lord Kilbrandon, who recommended it in the first place. Perhaps Lord Taylor, the Lord Chief Justice, should follow suit.

### **Brute force**

THE BRUTISH chairman of the Tory party, Brian Mawhinney, has been busting blood vessels in a vain attempt to win today's byelection in Staffordshire. For the first time ever, every single person on the candidates' list, which contains some 700 names, has been ordered up to Tamworth to help campaign

At the crack of dawn for the past few days, a minibus destined for Tamworth has been gurgling into life outside Central Office. For the red-eyed souls inside, this latest brainwave from a hyperactive Tory machine is a step too far.



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The poor things have been told they must do four days af doorstepping and flesh-pressing, two days before the campaign started and two days during it. They have even been issued with clocking-in cards which they must have marked off by stony-faced Central Office operatives in the constituency.

The heavy-handedness certainly looks like the work of Mawhinney. His sinister Ulster brogue has had the staff of Central Office scamper-**Blood brother** ing around like electrified cats recently.

AS Liberia tears itself apart once "Clearly, if you want to be a more, some extraordinary names Conservative candidate you have to show willing. said a Tory are playing their part. Aside from the headline-grabbing Roosevelt spokesman up in Tamworth. "The Johnson and his rebel forces, the cards are just so that those who do Liberia Peace Council, who are anything but peaceful, hoast a teenaged Major-General Ambush come up have a proof of their battle honour." Not all the names on the list are happy about this jack-Rebel. Presumably, he is some rebootish test. "Four days is a bit lation of the famed Liberian, Brigamuch," said one, "and this clocking dier-General Armed Uprising. in smacks of the shop-floor."

#### • The bomb-proof windaw af the **Bag lady** Parliamentary Book Shop in

Westminster has been shattered by SHOULDER pads and snappy evening bags will be brandished unashamedly at the Purcell Room an angry granny. Her motive unknown, the old girl wrought havoc the other night when she in London's South Bank Centre 10-



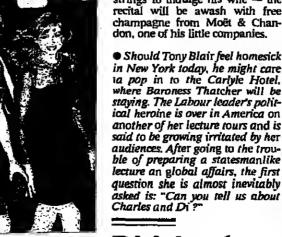
Hélène Mercier-Arnault and the Princess of Wales

night, where one of the smartest ladies of the fashion world is to give a piano recital.

Helene Mercier-Amault, whose husband Bernard runs suitcasemakers Louis Vuitton, will risk her nail varnish on the keyboards for invited friends including the Princess of Wales and Madame Chirac. An accomplished performer, who first played when she was six, she is a good friend of the Princess and accompanied her to the Cézanne exhibition in Paris.

Bernard has been pulling a few

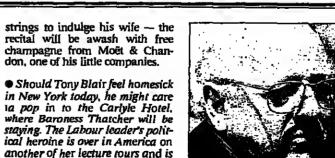
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### Disjointed

JAMES GROUT is an actor of undoubted courage. Although best known for his role as Chief Superintendent Strange in Inspector Marse, his most exciting appearance to date was as a 60-year-old, well-rounded history professor who prepared his lectures in the nude in the series A Very Peculiar Practice.

So I feel bound to report that it wasn't his nerve that let him down in his latest role, but his knees, Just a few weeks after he opened as Talbot in Mory Stuart, at the National Theatre, his understudy has now

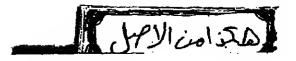


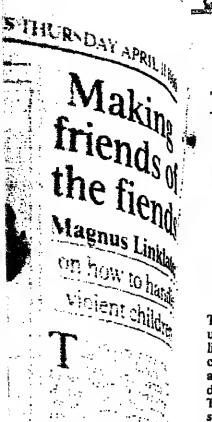
On his knees: James Grout is praying for the pain to pass

taken over. Set designers are to blame, for their sloping stage has proved too much for the Grout cartilage, and an old knee injury has flared up. "His doctor advised him to rest his knees." says a stagehand.

 Teething problems for the Prince of Wales have encouraged a Cumbrian toffee maker to alter his recipe. Neil Boustead. of Neil's Toffee Shop in Penrith, has been supplying Highgrove with jawstraining treacle toffee for some time. "But we are now planning a new treacle fudge because he taid me traditional treacle toffee pulls his fillings out."

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THE EMPTY PEW

Revealed truth, not "resources", will bring the young to God

The Jesuits believed that if they had a child until he was seven they would have him for life. Jealous of every wayward soul, churches throughout history have been anxious to capture the young before another denomination, or the Devil, claimed them. The Church of England, then, is understandably worried about the drop, by a third over the past nine years, in the number of young people in its pews. But the recommendations of the Church's own working party appear unlikely to arrest, let alone reverse, the decline.

Written in the prose of the management manual rather than the Authorised Version, it betrays a cast of mind which is bureaucratic and passionless. The national Church is withering, with a dramatic decline in attendance among the most impressionable and spiritually hungry section of the population, and the working party is obsessed with "resources".

The first recommendation the working party makes is to assert that, "the allocation of resources is paramount". To that end it urges the Church as a whole to examine its budget and recommends an "audit of resources allocated to youth work". Reading these arid thoughts it is impossible not to ask if the authors, including the Bishop of Carlisle, are really the apostolic heirs of martyrs and evangelists or ersatz accountants. How does the Church expect to attract young people, anxious to find an alternative to materialism and searching for the spiritual when its first answer to any problem is financial? Rather than prating about resource reallocation, the Church should expend all its energies preaching the Gospel. By doing just that, other churches have flourished.

The pattern of teenage life is now such that the Church youth group or scout troop plays an ever smaller part in the social life of the young. But that does not mean the interest in the eternal questions of existence which is the best route to religious faith has diminished. By presenting an unapologetic Christianity, evangelical and pentecostal churches have attracted, and held, a growing congregation among the young.

The style of worship is accessible but, more importantly, the theology and morality are demanding. By seeking to ape the informality of its rivals the Church of England has mistakenly attributed their appeal to the style of service and not the substance of the sermons. A few choruses on the guitar will not satisfy the questing soul in the way that honest engagement with the challenge of Christianity can.

The style of worship is not, however, irrelevant; indeed there is every indication that modernising the Anglican liturgy has had an effect on attendance - it has hastened its decline. The same barren prose of the Church's working party report characterises current worship. In the beginning was the Word, and language, as much as anything, has kept this country Christian. The incomparable beauty of the King James Bible and Book of Common Prayer which drew generations of Englishmen to God has been replaced in the past 30 years by a liturgy already anachronistic and unequal to communicating the sense of mystery and awe central to worship. Intended to appeal to modern tastes, it failed because people turn to the Church not for fashion, but for transcendent and timeless truth.

Restless innovation will not reverse the Anglican Church's decline. The last time the national churches, in England and Scotland, experienced a dramatic revival was when, as a result of the Oxford Movement and the Disruption respectively, their clergy returned to their roots. Perhaps the Church should recognise that the young will, like the prodigal son. come back to faith anyway after sowing some wild oats. But that return will be more likely if the Church remains on firm foundations.

### **OUT OF LIBERIA**

#### The West should not wash its hands of this wretched case

For the second time this decade, America has rushed troops to Liberia. Their sole mission, as it was in 1990, is to spirit American and other foreign nationals out of Monrovia, the miserable capital of a country morally as well as physically bankrupted by an exceptionally vicious civil war. The US has an obvious duty to protect its nationals and Liberian battle-zones are as anarchic as they are brutal. Since Roosevelt Johnson, the warlord who provoked the latest confrontation, had seized hundreds of hostages as human shields, evacuation was prudent. But Washington's concern should not end there. The US, whose freed slaves founded Liberia as a state, cannot escape the consequences of its continuing influence there; if it is seen to be washing its hands of this wretched country, that could tip the scales back to war. The renewed fighting exposes the ragged nature of the peace deal between Liberia's armed factions but does not yet make its total breakdown inevitable. Since Charles Taylor, the most powerful of Liberia's seven murderous warlords, unleashed the civil war in 1989, the rivals for the victor's spoils have signed, and broken, around 20 ceasefires and a dozen externally brokered peace accords. But the most recent of these, signed last August, holds out more hope than most. That is not because Liberia's soldier-bandits have been seized by contrition, but because their respective ambitions are now more Hikely to be furthered by peace. This war has been driven not by ideology nor even, despite the tensions between the Americo-Liberians and the 16 indigenous tribes, by tribal hatreds, but by the insatiable greed of the faction-leaders. After six years of massacres, looting and pillage, houses have lost even their doorframes, the railbeds have no rails and the streets no lampposts. Ecomog, the West African force deployed in 1990 to restore peace, has prevented some atrocities. But its ill-paid

soldiers have joined the looting; the bitter local joke is that Ecomog's acronym means "Every Car or Moveable Object Gone."

By last August, there was so little left to steal at gunpoint that the three most powerful of these bandit soldiers decided that they had a common interest in signing up to a ceasefire, demobilisation and elections later this year. They calculate that if they stop fighting, the coffers will be replenished with emergency aid and investment, from which they can then take their cut. The root of the current trouble is that the peace deal made some warlords - notably Mr Taylor, the probable victor if elections go ahead - more equal than others. In theory, Liberia has been governed since August by a six-member transitional council, including civilians. In practice, power has been carved up between Mr Taylor, George Boley and Alhaji Kromah. in a tactical alliance that has nothing to do with the patriotism, peace or democracy proclaimed in the flowery titles their respective militias bear. Mr Johnson, given only a minor government post, busied himself with looting aid convoys and illegal diamond mining until his commanders ousted him as leader of his own breakaway faction. When the council then sacked him, he began a ferocious armed revolt; it culminated in last weekend's attempt by the ruling council to arrest him on charges of murder. Mr Johnson has promised to turn himself over to Ecomog or UN observers. If he does, peace still has a slim chance. However imperfectly, Ecomog is doing a job that the West is not willing to do. It needs Western financial belp to boost its force levels and --effectively - to bribe the militias to disarm. Liberia's traumatised people, nearly half of whom have fled their homes, cannot rebuild their lives alone. Donors will have to work with Liberia's criminal warlords, knowing that much Western aid will go astray. They should hold their noses, and help.

### Farming outlook in BSE aftermath

From Sir Michael Spicer, MP for Worcestershire South (Conservative)

Sir, The crisis facing British agricul-ture in general and the beef industry in particular has not gone away over the Easter holidays. On the contrary April 29, the deadline laid down by European agricultural ministers for Britain to propose an "acceptable" cow-slaughter policy, looms closer.

The European "offer" to pay 70 per cent of the cost of destroying much of our beef and milk herds would, if accepted, mean in practice that the British taxpayer would put up over 80 per cent of the cash - given that three quarters of the payments made by the other European countries would be set against rebates at present due to Britain under common agricultural policy (CAP) arrangements. We would also have to contribute towards the cost of destroying British-bred cattle in France and Holland.

Since the contribution of the other European countries would be negligible, two things follow. First, we should only contemplate slaughtering cows whose death is in the direct proven interest of British consumers and beef producers. We should certainly not pander to the dictats of competitive interests on the continent of Europe.

Secondly it will probably be best (certainly cheaper) to pay for it all ourselves directly rather than to engage in the wasteful charade of recycling our money through the European Un-

If this means the de facto return to a nationally-based deficiency payments system and the beginning of the end of the CAP, so be it. The CAP will in any event need to be replaced if the countries of Eastern Europe are ever to join the EU.

Yours faithfully, MICHAEL SPICER, House of Commons, April 8.

#### From Mr D. H. Braggins

Sir, The letter from the Chief Executive of the RSPB and others (April 5) draws attention to the implications for the countryside created by the crisis in the beef industry and calls for the need to develop agricultural policies that are sensitive to the environment. What it does not mention is the unique opportunity that this would present to improve our rivers. The growth of the beef and dairy in-

dustries and the introduction of intensive farming methods have inevitably led to problems over the disposal of farm waste. Slurry-spreading and the use of pesticides and fertilisers near watercourses have introduced excessive nitrates and phosphates into the river systems to the detriment of plants, fish and animals. If there is to be a large cull of cattle it would be timely for the Ministry of Agriculture to finance the set-aside scheme for the re-creation of water-fringe habitats and buffer strips to reduce pollution of our rivers.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR 1 Pennington Street, London El 9XN Telephone 0171-782 5000

### Future of Nato for Europe's defence

#### From Mrs Elizabeth Young

Sir. The views John Redwood advances in his article, "Saving Europe from itself" (March 29), suggest he has not been following recent developments in United States opinions and policies very closely.

Baroness Thatcher has. In her Fulton speech (report and leading article, March 11) she made perfectly clear the choice that lies before us: either (as she advocates) we hand up our security to the United States President for him to manage - the Nato Alliance becoming "a permanent one resting on the solid foundations of American leadership"; or we don't, and we look after it as best we can among all these Europeans whom neither she nor Mr Redwood has much time for: she has very serious doubts about the currently fashionable idea of a separate 'defence identity' within the Alliance". The trouble with accepting perma-nent "American leadership" jalong

with hugely expensive, probably fallible, high-technology security - particularly anti-missile defences against various "rogue states" in the Middle East) is that we would be trading-in just the sovereignty and liberties with which Mr Redwood and Lady Thatch-er have sought to identify themselves.

US extraterritorial economic and military claims expand daily and the idea that we and our European neighbours might negotiate more equably and effectively with the United States in support of our own interests If we subject ourselves to them militarily is dangerous fantasy.

One of Winston Churchill's perennial problems was to stay out from under the treads of the American juggernaut; we still have to.

Yours etc. ELIZABETH YOUNG, 100 Bayswater Road, W2. April I.

#### Job flexibility

From the Director of the Employment **Policy Institute** 

Sir, One might agree that greater labour-market flexibility has a role to play in combating European unem-ployment. But it is far from obvious that this "inescapably means cuts in welfare protection, non-wage labour costs and job protection regulation" ("Political jobbery", leading article, April 2).

With regard to regulation, for example, your conclusion rests on too From Mr William Cash, MP for Stafford (Conservative)

Sir, The news (report, March 30) of the new economic union between some of the states of the former Soviet Union adds new urgency to the case for reaffirming Nato as Western Europe's primary defence. It is obvious, as Bosnia has shown, that we cannot do without the Americans, so it was pleasing that the White Paper on the inter-governmental conference (IGC) confirmed the Government's support for Nato. But the Conclusions of the IGC summit at Turin made no mention of Nato; they simply call for improving the "operational capability

available to the Union". It is no secret that the federalists want the Western European Union to become the armed forces of the EU.

which in turn would mean the end of Nato. The great pity is that Javier Sol-ana, the Secretary General of Nalo, seems to be fulfilling the predictions I made in my article in The Times on December 7, 1995, by helping to undermine his own organisation: it was reported in Le Figaro (March 28) that he has said:

We must explain to the Russians that Nato has changed, that it has new missions, and that it seeks a profound relationship with Russia ... We must not be fixated on Nalo. We must emphasise the totality of relations between Europe and Russia. There is the Council of Europe. There is the European Union and perhaps even, one day, the WEU.

It is vital for our defence that we do not allow the twin pressures of Russia and the federalists to dilute the efficacy of Nato and the role of the Americans. The Government must stand firm on this at the IGC.

Yours etc. BILL CASH (Chairman), The European Foundation, 61 Pall Mall, SWI. April 2

and provide firms with a greater incentive to invest in training.

If policymakers promote hire-andfire flexibility too far above task flexibility they may thus end up boosting low-paid, low-productivity jobs at the expense of failing to create a competitive, high-skill economy capable of generating better quality and more secure jobs.

"Security of employability" is the key buzz-phrase to have emerged from this week's G7 jobs summit in Lille. The focus of sensible debate should be whether this is better achteved by some form of regulation of instead through voluntary means. Either way, however, one should avoid the mistake of concluding that a crude hire-and-fire culture offers the best route to competitiveness and job-creation throughout the EU.

### Casting light on the evolving eye From Mr Aston Atkinson

Sir, Dr Richard Dawkins is quoted by Quentin Letts j Faith, hope and the Darwin man". March 29; also letters, April 5] as suggesting that all living things owe their design not to God but to evolution. And he explains ("Can nature perform miracles?". April 2) how the eye could have evolved in less than half a million years.

What he failed to address was the question of how natural forces originated. How did photons of light come about, for example? He explains that photons played their part in the evolution of the eye in living creatures. Are we to assume that light acquired its wave-like nature by evolution of some kind?

There are untold numbers of other natural phenomena that beg explanafrom the force of gravity, to single out just one. By what process could this mighty power which holds planets in their orbits have evolved, presumably from some primitive, earlier versions? The answer to these questions about

the origins of natural forces --- the engines of evolution, as it were - could be amazingly simple: for instance, that they were created by God.

Yours truly, ASTON ATKINSON, 8 Scarlett Road, Castletown, Isle of Man. April 2.

#### From Mr J. W. S. Armstrong

Sir. Richard Dawkins, seeking to demonstrate the "preposterous simplici-ty" with which an intricate organ might arise of its own accord, contradicts the commonly-held notion that an organism will only evolve characteristics which convey some advan-tage to the survival of its hereditary

In his account of how the eye might have evolved he envisages a bed of photocells gradually becoming convex to allow an organism more accurately to interpret from which direction light was coming. However, he then implies that a comparatively useless con-cave bed of photocells might have ev-olved and then lain dormant awaiting the emergence of a lens to provide it

with a purpose. Bearing in mind that this would re-quire thousands of years it would appear that evolution must have had some idea of where it was going. This is called teleology and is anathema to natural selection, which has always been regarded as a blind process. It geests design, and here we have a rich irony: Richard Dawkins, the high priest of atheism, presenting an argument for the existence of God.

### OF TUBBY MICE AND MEN

### What mouse genes tell us about the middle-age spread

One of the greatest pleasures of middle age is to find out that one always has the right answer. A less happy feature of the same age, however, is to find out that one quite

often has the wrong shape. Middle age - when one can do just as much as ever, but would rather not - is the time when most bodies expand and some horizons shrink. It is the time when those lunches of several years cause chests to "slip down to the mezzanine floor" (as Jeeves once put it vividly), and when the only thing that gets thinner is the hair on the head. And only middle age can provoke poignant laments like this one, by the late (but not light) Lord Goodman: "Every so often I lose weight, and, to my horror and indignation, I find in the quiet of the night somebody has put it

But help for the rotund, and a break-arough for fatties, are now at hand from a most unlikely source. A laboratory in Maine, whose research is published in today's issue of Nature, has found that the pattern of portliness in the "tubby mouse" -a natural mutation from the common or laboratory mouse -- "strongly resembles the late-onset obesity seen in the human population". In other words, the middleaged tubby mouse expands around the waist 

in much the same manner, say, as a stalwart of the Garrick Club, a school headmistress or a senior shop steward.

There is more. This circumferentiallychallenged rodent can apparently blame its tubbiness on the sweetly-named "mouse chromosome 7", whose genes reveal a misspelling in their DNA sequence. The researchers believe that there must - somewhere, some place, some paunch - be the middle-aged human equivalent of mouse chromosome 7, and that the corrective process by which the roly-poly gene is tackled in tubby mice might also help make svelte Jack Sprats of those 50-something men who are at present broadish in the beam.

How very pleasant it would be for us all if these nice American researchers are correct in their conjecture. Let us hope they are, and that we all have a mouse chromosome 7 lodged in our adipose deposits. It would deliver one at a stroke from such evils as exercise, diets, weight-watching, low-calorie tonic water, fat-free whisky and salads. Thanks to the tubby mouse and mouse chromosome 7, one could succumb to the lure of excess, and be seduced by the siren call of gluttony and indulgence. Nothing, as wild Oscar wrote, succeeds like excess. And after all, one is only middle-aged once.

The scheme should be implemented in conjunction with the newly created Environment Agency and, in the first instance, should be targeted at the 25 rivers which English Nature is seek-ing to protect as sites of special scientific interest (SSSIs). These have been identified as examples of the best nivers for wildlife but are suffering from pollution and require remedial action.

Yours faithfully DEREK BRAGGINS. Blue Ball. Payhembury, Nr Honiton. Devon. April 5.

#### From Ms Jan Morris

Sir. 1 am sure Sir Jeremy Chance is right (letter, April 4) in saying that farmers did not realise the cannibalistic nature of their cattle-feeds. For many years, however, they have been as aware as the rest of us of the cruelties and catastrophic results of their intensive farming methods.

Perhaps the beef crisis will bring them to their senses: the day will come, I have no doubt, when crimes against nature will be seen to be as terrible as crimes against humanity. There will be no pleading ignorance

then. Yours faithfully. JAN MORRIS. Trefan Morys, Llanystumdwy, Gwynedd. April 9.

#### From Mr M. W. S. Hitchcock

Sir, I was employed by an animal-feed manufacturer from 1947 to 1990 and clearly recollect that it was the Ministry of Food who issued regulations making it obligatory for compounders of dairy rations to include a minimum of 2.5 per cent meat and bonemeal.

This ruling was imposed in the early 1940s and continued almost to the end of feedingstuffs rationing on August 1. 1953. By then, most of us in the industry understood the importance of animal protein in dairy rations in order to provide the best possible proportions of essential amino acids. since the main vegetable proteins in use at that time were not so rich in these respects.

As fish meal was suspected of giving a taint to milk, meat and bonemeal was the only alternative available.

Yours sincerely, M. W. S. HITCHCOCK, Mount Lofty Lodge, Skates Hill, Glemsford, Sudbury, Suffolk.

April 8.

narrow a definition of "flexibility". Although there may be advantages to increasing employers' ability to hire and fire, if pushed too far this kind of flexibility can detract from "task flexibility" - ie, the ease with which workers can be switched from task to task.

Task flexibility depends upon the degree to which workers are skilled and adaptable. It is aided by encouraging stable long-term relationships between employers and workers which foster employee commitment April 2.

#### Norfolk's tribal chief

From the Earl of Sandwich

Sir, You rightly point out (leading arti-cle, April 8) that the election of Lynne Symonds as honorary chief of the Mamprusi tribe is an example of the value of personal contributions in overseas aid-giving. You could have added that such commitment also honours and inspires the Norfolk community who have supported her work as a teacher and fundraiser.

Awareness of needs overseas is an important, and still neglected, part of the aid-giving process. Aid agencies like Christian Aid and Oxfam are actively engaged in "development educa-

#### In praise of comets

From Sir Arnold Wolfendale, FRS, President of the Institute of Physics

Sir, Your correspondents write (April 2 and 5) "how boring comets are" and give me shooting stars any day". Really, what a travesty of the truth.

The present comet, easily seen by everyone on cloudless nights, is a wonder to behold, and to appreciate. It arrived in our skies quite unexpectedly, having apparently been lost in the vicinity of the Sun in Stone Age times. It represents a sample of matter left over when the planets were formed and its study will help us to understand how the Earth came about.

Careful viewing of the comet will reveal its tail, pointing away from the

#### Private passions

From Mr Gavin G. R. McEwan Sir, If the views of Mr Sean Fear (let-

ter, April 3; see also letter, April 8) are correct, then surely employers should not be permitted to discriminate against prospective employees only on choose.

Personally, I would refuse to employ anyone who had written a morally repugnant letter to the Editor of The Times, and would gladly discriminate against Mr Fear on that ground.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant. GAVIN G. R. MCEWAN, 18 Park Court, Dalmuir. Clydebank. Dunbartonshire.

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Yours faithfully. JOHN PHILPOTT, Director. Employment Policy Institute, Southbank House. Black Prince Road, SEI.

non", with some support from the European Union, the Overseas Development Administration and a few of the more aware politicians.

Public support for overseas aid is much enhanced by individual initiatives like Lynne's, which are often the best means of giving schools and local communities a direct experience of problems abroad and of the possibility of solutions.

Yours sincerely. SANDWICH (Development journalist, Christian Aid, 1974-86). Mapperton House, Beaminster, Dorset. April 9.

Sun and the seat of all sorts of interesting physics and chemistry -- a unique laboratory in space.

On a more sombre note, one day a comet will head directly for the Earth and that will certainly not be a boring event; "terminal" might be a better word to use. However, such an event is not likely for a few million years and even then it may be possible to deflect it; our successors will then live to view another day.

Yours sincerely, ARNOLD WOLFENDALE (Astronomer Royal, 1991-95), University of Durham, Department of Physics, Science Laboratories, South Road, Durham. April 5.

#### All at sea

From Mr John Bagley Sir, I realise that coastal erosion is a constant cause for concern in East Anglia. But I was alarmed to read the reference to "Stowmarket on the Suffolk coast" (Valerie Grove interview, April 5). Perhaps there was an exceptionally

high tide when Michael Palin met his wife-to-be there some 30 years ago. Yours sincerely,

JOHN BAGLEY, 33 Hamilton Road. Cockfosters, Hertfordshire. April 5.

Letters to the Editor should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be sent to a fax number -0171-782 5046.

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Yours faithfully, J. W. S. ARMSTRONG, Old Tyles, Camp Road, Gerrards Cross, Buckinghamshire. April 3.

#### From Mr R. P. W. Bell

Sir. Presumably in his successful attempt at creating computer-generaled patterns of spiders' webs and snail shells Richard Dawkins both switched the computer on and, with the assistance of his computer-scientist friend, programmed it to function.

If he had shown that over a period of 400 million years his computer could have done the same compararively simple task whilst turned off and without programming then his arguments would be more compel-

ling. That man has discovered the tools by which he was created does little to disprove the existence of a Creator.

Yours etc. R. P. W. BELL, 2 Grove Road. Haylands. Ryde, Isle of Wight. April 2

#### Ups and downs

From Professor R. M. Hardisty

Sir, Mr Vaughan-Davies's club porter (letter, April 5) was not being illogical in stating that "most gentlemen give more" than average, he merely wish-ed to imply that those who gave less were not gentlemen.

Yours faithfully. R. M. HARDISTY 4 Ruskin Close, NWII. April 5.

From Mr Frank Nunneley

Sir, Speaking as an average man (and I have been on the Clapham omnibus) I thought it worth pointing out that i have more than the average number of legs.

Yours faithfully. FRANK NUNNELEY, Fairfield, Horseshoe Lane, Beckley, East Sussex. April 9.

#### Easter parade

From Mr Laurence Davies

Sir, Barry Shooter (letter, April 10) expresses bafflement at the presence of street cleaners and traffic wardens on Easter Day. As both the London boroughs of Havering and Redbridge are controlled by a minority 'new Labour" administration maybe we should ask Tony Blair about the sanctity of Christian holidays (leading article, April & letters, April 10)?

#### Yours faithfully, LAURENCE DAVIES,

36 Wingate Road, Hford, Essex. April 10.

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grounds of sexual orientation? The logical extension of his argument is that they should also be allowed to discriminate on grounds of sex, age, race, religion and any other ground they



### **COURT CIRCULAR**

WINDSOR CASTLE April 10: The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh gave a Dinner Party at which Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother and The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon were present.

The following were invited: the Prime Minister and Mrs Major His Excellency the High Commissioner for Cana-da, the Right Reverend Michael Marshall, Sir Ron Dearing, Mr and Mrs Bamber Gascoigne, Mr and Mrs John Lewis, Mr and Mrs Martyn Lewis, Mr and Mrs David Peake, Lieutenant-Colonel Sir John Johnston, and Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs William Rollo. BUCKINGHAM PALACE

April 10: The Prince Edward, Chairman, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Special Projects Group, this evening

#### Today's royal engagements

The Princess of Wales will attend a piano recital at the Festival Hall at 7.20 in aid of The Voices Foundation. The Princess Royal, as Patron of the Northern Lighthouse Board. will visit Ailsa Craig Lighthouse. Campbeltown, Kintyre at 2.00. Princess Alexandra will visit the Flovd Unit, Birch Hill Hospital. Rochdale, Greater Manchester, al 2.05; as Patron of the Anchor Housing Association, will open the Pendleton Croft retirement hous-ing scheme at Hind Hill Street, Heywood, at 3.05; and will visit Vine House, the Cancer Help, Advice and Information Day Centre, Ribbleton, Preston, at 4.35 The Duke of Gloucester will open the Buckingham swimming pool and leisure centre, London Road, Buckingham. at 2.30.

#### Simon Dyer CBE

A Memorial Require Mass for Simon Dyer CBE, Director Gen-eral of the AA, will be celebrated by His Eminence, Cardinal Basi Hume, Archbishop of Westminster, at The Brompton Oratory, Brompton Road, London SW7, on Monday, May 13 at 11\_30am.

Those wishing to attend should write to Mary Maddocks, AA. Norfolk House, Priestley Road, Basingstoke RG24 9NY, by April 22, 1996, Tickets will be issued.

#### **Geoffrey Foxcroft** A service of thanksgiving for the

life of Geoffrey Foxcroft will be held in Rughy School Chanel on Dinner

held a meeting at Buckingham Palace.

**KENSINGTON PALACE** April 10: The Princess of Wales, Colonel-in-Chief, The Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment (Queen's and Royal Hampshires), received Lieu-tenant-General Sir Anthony Denison-Smith (Colonel of the Regiment).

Her Royal Highness re-ceived Captain Richard Walch (Regimental representative at the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst) and Officer Cadets being commissioned into the regiment.

YORK HOUSE April 10: The Duchess of Kent, Patron, the United Kingdom Committee of UNICEF, attended the annual meeting of the Board of UNICEF. United Nations Building, UN Plaza, New York, United States of America.

### **Birthdays** today

nursing officer, Department of Health, 62; the Earl of Sandwich.

53; Mr Richard Wainwright, for-

mer MP. 78: Professor Michael

Wright, chairman, 600 Group, 49.

BIRTHS: George Canning, Prime Minister 1827, London, 1770; Sir Charles Halle, pianist, conductor

and founder of the Halle orchestra.

DEATHS: Llywelyn ap lorwerth.

Prince of Wales, Aberconway, 1240; Sir Thomas Wyatt the Youn-

ger, poet and conspirator, exe-cuted, London, 1554; Sir Gerald du

Maurier, actor-manager, London, 1934: Sir Archibald McIndoe, plas-

tic surgeon. London, 1960; Jo-

sephine Baker, singer, Paris, 1975: Enver Hoxha, Albanian leader

Lord Armstrong of Ilminster was

the guest of honour at the annual dinner of the Chief Constables'

Club held last night at Guildhall.

Mr David Shanock, Chief Con-

stable of Avon and Somerset,

Anniversaries

Hagen, Germany, 1819.

1944-85, Albania, 1985.

Chief Constables' Club

THE National Trust for Scotland has Miss Janet Allen, former Headtaken the first steps towards the restoramistress, Benenden School, 60; Viscount Buckmaster. 75; Mr Jotion of the world famous Charlotte seph Burnett-Stuart, former chair-man, Robert Fleming Holdings, Square in Edinburgb. With the aid of £3.7 million from the Heritage Lottery Fund and £700,000 from Historic Scot-66: Sir Raymond Carr. former Warden, SI Antony's College, Oxland it has purchased numbers 26-31 ford. 77; Mr Gervase de Peyer, clarineuist. 70: Sir Oscar De Ville. which will become its headquarters, with public exhibition and gallery space. former chairman. Meyer Inter-national. 71: Mr Clive Exton. The square was designed by Robert Adam in 1792, the year he died, and is scriptwriter and playwright, 66; Mr James Alan Ferman, secretary, British Board of Film Classificaconsidered to be his finest civic monument in Scotland and a masterpiece of tion, 66; Mr Ronald Fraser, actor, 66: Mr Michael Hindley, MEP, 49 Dr R.J.B. Knight, deputy director, National Maritime Museum, 52; Dame Anne Poole, former chief

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#### Latest wills

Betty Puddifoot, of Hitchin, Hertfordshire, left estate valued at E606,994 net.

BY JOHN YOUNG

E606,994 net, She left E125,000 and ber home and contents to personal legares, E50,000 each to the Guide Dops for the Allind Association and RSPCA. E15,000 each to the PDSA, Multiple Sciences Society, and Parkinson's Oisease Society, E10,000 each to Voluntary Service Overseas and Intermediate Technology Devel-opment Croup, E5,000 each ro the Blue Cross, and the Paul Strickland Scanner Centre at Mount Vernon Hospital Northwood, and the residue to Oxfam.

Other estates include, net before

Mrs Angela Everard Gilbey, of Vilma Goglia, of Redhill. ..... 6817.782. Surrey. Mrs Phyllis Mary Goodman, of Mr Michael Evelyn Wallace Scott Mackindy, of Sherbourne, Dorset £580.28L

Phyllis Flora Mocatta, of Eastbourne, East Sussex ...... £962,649. Mr Edwin Gordon Ottewell, of

Programme)) in support a research project entitled Security and democrocy in the new Europe II. School of Law Centre of Medical Law and Ethics Professor A Grubb, E104,562 (South Thames Regional Health Authority) E669.421. Mrs Elizabeth Margaret Pinchin, to support a research project entitled To evaluate models of ethics comof Wadhurst, East Sussex E839,944. mittee approval of multi-centre re-search projects. Mrs Barbara Royle, of Ottery SI ..... £964,067. Mrs Elizabeth Marjorie Savage, of School of Life, Basic Medical and Health Sciences Hersham, Surrey ...... El, III.261. Life Sciences Division

urban planning and design. The trust already owns three buildings on the trust believes that, without action to halt and reverse the decline, its survival is north side of the square, one of which, threatened. It hopes to encourage other organisations, including commercial firms, to follow its example. It also hopes known as the Georgian bouse, is a popular tourist magnet while the next door house is the official residence of the to persuade the Charlotte Square Propri-etors' Association to consider restoring Secretary of State for Scotland.

The houses in Charlotte Square, Edinburgh, that will be the new headquarters of the National Trust for Scotland

Trust spends £3.7m to save historic square

However, since the 1960s the square has been in decline and about one third of the buildings are empty. Several firms for whom it had been a prestige address have been persuaded to move to modern open-plan office buildings. Many bodies have expressed concern

part of Adam's original design but never incorporated, about the future of the square, and the

### University news

King's College London Recent research grants include:

School of Education Mrs S Rouve, 434,185 Ecu (European Training Foundation (TEMPUS PHARE) to support a research project entitled Inter-university for-eign language training network. Dr M Maguire, Ms C L Jones, E25,000 (ESRC) to support a research project entitled An investigation into the school experience of ethnic minarity student teachers.

School of Humanifies English Brojessor J A Roberts. El46,102 (British Academy) is support a re-search project entitled Middle English word studies. War Studies (includes Centre for Var Statics unders Center for Defence Studies) Professor M Clarke (CDS). Professor L Freedman, 75,030 Ecu (European Community (PHARE Democracy

Group (includes Developmental Biology Research Centre) Dr K T O'Byrne, Dr S R Milligan (Physiology Group), Dr C W Coen, Elo4,356 (MRC) to support a research project entitled Environmentol cestrogens and the central pulse generator controlling reproduction: o novel approach ta o critical issue. Dr L C Mahadevan (DBRC), El36,204 (BBSRC) to support a re-search project entitled The role of mitogen-stimuloted HMG-H phos-phonphation in immediate-early gene phorulation in immediate-early gene Dr S L Dickson, ESI,229 (MRC) to support a research project entided Neural mechanisms regulating the secretion of growth hormones. Molecular Biology and Biophysics Group Dr M Irving, El65,315 (MRC) to

support a research project entitled The malecular mechanism of force generation in muscle: time-resolved x-ray diffraction. Professor R M Simmons, Dr G E

Professor R M Siminous, Dr G E Jones, 97,622 Ecu (European Com-mission (HCM Programmel) to sup-port a research project entitled Muscle and cell motility: fundamental mechanisms. Professor R M Simmons. Dr D A Smith, EIII,772 (Wellcome Trust) to support a research project entitled A stochastic model for the generation of force and displacement by isolated muscle motor proteins. Pharmacology Group Dr M J Curtis, E54.511 [British Heart Foundation] to support a research studentship entitled Platelet acti-varing factor (PAF), platelets and myocardial ischaemia: role of independent versus ploteler-dependent octions of PAF to elicit cartiac arrhythmia's contractile and coronary vascular dysfunction. Physiology Group findudes Vas-cular Biology Research Centre) Dr G E Mann (VBRC), E97,506 (British Heart Foundation) to support a research project entitled Modulo-tion of nitric oxide and carbon monoxide signalling pathways by oxidatively modified IDL in vascular endothelial and smooth muscle cells. Dr G E Mann (VBRC), E80,000 (formny's Campaign) to support a research project entitled Regulation of the Larginiae-nitrie oxide sig-nalling pathway in human cultured myometric) smooth muscle cells. nary vascular dysfunction. Nursing and Midwifery Division Dr S Cowley, £48,990 (Department of

Health (Anglia and Oxford RHA)) Research studentshin

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Nutrition and Dicteties Professor T A B Sanders, 19,800 (Meat and Livestock Commission) to support a research project enrifed fron status, cognitive function and physicol functs in UK adolescent irls: an intervention trial. School of Medicine and Dentistry Child Health Dr C Buchanan, £24,685 (Joint Research Committee) to support a research studentship entitled Growth

actors and Impaired growth. General Practice and Primary Care Dr P White, 504.824 (Lambeth South-wark and Lewisham Health Com-mission) to support a research project entitled Severe asthma interface dev elopment project.

Haenatological Medicine Dr G J Multi. Professor A J Bellingham, 562,967 [Leukaemia Re-search Fund] Clinical Training Fellowship, Medicine

Priest-in-charge, All Hallows, Ordsall and St Alban's, Retford (Southwell). The Rev Terence Ba

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### Forthcoming marriages

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Dr J.E. Sale and Dr C.J. Patient Mr R.W.J. Currie The engagement is announced between Julian, son of Mr and

and Miss E.J. Bullough The engagement is announced between Richard, elder son of Dr and Mrs William Currie, of and Mirs William Carlas of Mountainside, New Jersey, and Elizabeth, younger daughter of Professor Donald Bullough, of Auckland, New Zealand, and Mrs Belinda Bullough, of Watlington, Oxford.

#### Mr B.J.K. Dimitroff and Miss M.M. Lambton The engagement is announced

cashire, and Penelope (Pepe) daughter of Mr and Mrs C.J. between Brian, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Pashanko Dimitroff, of and Mrs Pashanko Durutron, of Mijas, Spain, and Monica, grand-daughter of the late D'Arcy Lambton and the Honourable Mrs Lambton, of Shottisham, Woodbridge, Suffolk Mr B.J.M. Wood and Miss S.J. Tarver Colonel and Mrs Charles Tarver, of Winterbourne Earls, Salisbury, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Hon R.T.A. Goff and Miss C.L. Cregeen The engagement is announced between Thomas, only son of Lord and Lady Goff of Chieveley, and Catherine, only daughter of Mr Peter. Cregeen, of Greatham, Hampshire, and Mrs Jennifer Cregeen, of Frensham, Surrey. Mr E.B. Hine and Miss S.K. Brighton The engagement is announced between Edward Burgass, second son of the late Dr Denys Hine and and Miss C.L. Cregeen Sarah Jane to Benjamin. son of Mr and Mrs Jon Wood, of Belvoir Lodge, Leicestershire.

son of the late Dr Denys Hine and of Mrs Denys Hine, of Newark, Nottinghamshire, and Sandra Kristina, eldest daughter of the late Mr Bryan Brighton and of Mrs Marion Brighton, of Washingborough, Lincoln. Mr J.R. Martin

and Miss L.K. Stanier The engagement is announced between James, younger son of the late Mr John Martin and of Mrs John Simpson, of Exeter, Devon, and Lucinda, younger daughter of Sir Beville Stanier Bt, and Lady the original layout and reinstating railings and pavements. If funds permit, the facade of the south side of the square Stanier, of Whaddon, Buckinghamwill also be returned to its original condition and will include statues of

### Mr J.J.P. Micklethwait and Mile L.I. Raillard

The engagement is announced between Julian, elder son of Mr and Mrs Douglas Micklethwait, of Hurstbourne Tarrant, Hampshire, and Laurence. daughter of Dr Raillard, of Seignosse, Landes, and Mme de Csabay, of Paris.

The Rev Dr Roderick Allon-Smith,

Vicar, St John-the-Baptist, West-wood, and Area Dean of Coventry

South (Coventry): to be Parish Development Adviser in the di-

ocese of Coventry and Priest-in-charge, Radford Semele and

Ution, same diocese. The Rev Richard Arding, Curate, St Augustine, Bromley Common: to be Vicar, St Michael and All. Angels, Wilmington (Rochester).

Bedminster (Bristol): to be Vicar,

Clevedon St Andrew and Clevedon

Christ Church (Bath and Wells).

The Rev George Baisley, Rector, Berkswell: to be also Rural Dean

The Rev Gill Barker, Assistant

Curate (NSM), St Matthew, Bridgemary: 10 be Chaplain's Assistant (full-time), Portsmouth

The Rev John Barrie, Priest-in-

charge. Holy Trinity, Hereford (Hereford): to be Vicar, St Mark,

The Rev James Blandford-Baker.

Curate, Christ Church, Quinton (Birmingham): to be Vicar, SI Dunstan w St Thomas, East Acton

The Rev Victor Cassam, Rector.

Selsey: now also Rural Dean of Chichester (Chichester).

The Rev Barbara Chambers.

Assistant Curate, Blurton, Stoke-

on-Trent (Lichfield): to be Chap-

lain's Assistant at The Queen's Medical Centre, Nottingham

Team

of Kenilworth (Coventry).

Hospitals Chaplaincy

Hamilton Terrace (London).

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The Rev Brian Cook, Rector, St Mary, Liss (Portsmouth): to be also an Honorary Canon of Portsto be Archdeacon of the Isle of Wight, same diocese. mouth Cathedral.

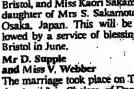
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rate, All Saints, Childwall (Liverpool): to be Curate, St An-drew, Leyland (Blackburn). The Rev Graham Dodds, Rector,

The Rev Paul Bagshaw, Assistant Curate, St Mary Magdalene, New-ark, Newark Team Ministry: to be Bath Walcot to be Lay Training Adviser and Director of Reader Studies (Bath and Wells). The Rev Roderick Doulton, Assisrate.

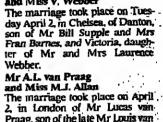
**Church news** Appointment Canon Mervyn Banting, Vicar, St Cuthbert, Copnor (Portsmouth): is

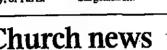


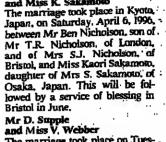
ter of Mr and Mrs Laurence

Praag, son of the late Mr Louis van Prang and of Mrs Angela van Prang, to Miss Miranda Allan, daughter of the late Mr Richard

Allan and of Mrs Roderick, Sargeantson.







Mrs George Sale of Meols,

Wirral, and Charlotte, daughter of

Mr and Mrs Stafford Patient, of

The engagement is announced between Ian, son of Mr G.P. Shaw,

of Read, Lancashire, and Mrs V.M. Shaw, of Brierfield, Lan-

Stephenson, of Mere, Wiltshire.

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Marriages

Mr B.C.F. Nicholson

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Saturday, April 20, at 2.15pm.

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Mr Robert Franklyn Nelson, QC. to be a Justice of the High Court, assigned to the Queen's Bench

### Memorial service

presided.

Mr Michael J. Naylor A memorial service for Mt Michael J. Naylor, Founder and Managing Director of Endsleigh Insurance Services, was held yesterday in Tewkesbury Abbey. The Rev Michael Tavinor officiated and with Mr Michael Alcock, Managing Director of Endsleigh, welcomed the congregation.

Drs Ad Bouwmeester. Chair-man of Endsleigh and Managing Director of Gouda Insurance Com pany, and Mr Arthur Poulos read the lessons. Mr Mark Naylor, nephew, read Edward Lear's The Owl ond the Pussy-Cat and Mr

David Gilles read a piece by Juliet Chipchase. Mr Bill Davidson, Company Secretary of Endsleigh Mr Len Warwick, Mr Jon Callard, Member of England Rugby Team, and Mr Jim Murphy. President of the National Union of Students and a Director of Endsleigh, gave addresses. Among others present were:

were: Members of the family, Mr Gordon McKeag (chairman, Foolball League). Mr Frank Teasdale (chairman, Surnity Foolball (club), a representative of the Professional Foolballers' Association, cheirmen, chief executives end managing directors of the Insurance Industry and many other friends ond colleagues. Ebrington, Gloucestershire £705,562. of Betchworth, Surrey .. E1,575,484.

Mr Nigel John Sellers, of Shipton by Beningbrough, North York-Dr H Davies, Ett7,309 (MRC) to support a research project enrited Analysis of T lymphocyte responses during evolution of cervical introepithelial neoplasio. Elizabeth Jane Sweet, of Truro.

Cornwall \_\_\_\_\_ E946,169. Mr Thomas Frederick Biddick of Professor R K Poole, ElS2,676 (BBSRC) to support a research project entitled Regulation of respiratory metabolism in the free-living nitro-St Austell, Cornwall ...... E635.737. Miss Hilda Alicia Joan Collyer, of

gen-fixing bacterium azotobacter vinelandii. Cookley, Worcestershire £668,443. Florence Sarah Edwards, of Bournemouth, Dorset .... E689,292. Professor D O Hall, 6,000 Ecu (INTAS) to support a research project entitled Biotechnology of hydrogen energy production in photobio-Mrs Jill Hardbattle, of Stoughton, Leicestershire ...... E1,931,206. Mrs Edith Olive Kenney. of Ormskirk, Lancashire .... E623,946.

reactors incorporating photosyn-thetic micro-organisms. Professor R K Poole, £164,136 Mr Robert Edward Keyte, of (BBSRC) to support a research project enviled The flavhaemoglobin (HMP) of escherichia coli ond its role in responses to addative stress and nitrogen compounds.

Bio edical Sciences Division Anatomy and Human Biology Medicine Dr M R Christie, Dr E C I Hatfield (Fellow), 5120316 (Welkome Trust) to support a research training fellow-ship entitled Study of antibody recognition of the protein (yrosine phosphatase IA-2: • novel autoanti-gen in insulin dependent diabetes mellius. Dr P M W Bath, Dr FJ Bath, £50,966

(South Thames Regional Health Au-thority) to support a research project entitled Systematic review of blood pressure management in ocute stroke. School of Physical Sciences and

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Engineering Professor A C Davies. 298,175 Ecu (European Training Foundation (TEMPUS PHARE)) to support a research project entitled Education in signal processing and circuits for

Physics Dr A G Michette, Dr C J Buckley, El63,743 (EPSRC) to support a re-search project cnoiled A laboratory scanning X-ray microscope. Dr A G Michette, E268,232 (BBSRC)

to support a research project entitled The irradiation of sub-cellular tar-gets using on ultrasoft X-ray microombe. Grand total amount awarded in the

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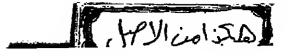
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The Rev Anthony Fowler, Assistant Curate, Walton St Mary, Felixstowe: to be Priest-in-charge, Combs (St Edmundsbury and Ipswich).

Canon John Fuller, Principal, Southern Dioceses Ministry Training Scheme, and Canon and Prebendary of Salisbury Catholr and Prebendary of Salisbury Cathodral (Salisbury): to be Vicar, Wheatley, and Team Rector designate of Wheatley Team Ministry (Oxford). The Rcy David Gamble, Chaplain. HM Prison, Latchmere House (Southwark): to be Priest-in-charge, St George, Portsea (Portsmouth).

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#### Richard Coodon, American thriller writer, died in a Dallas hospital on April 9 aged 81. He was born in New York on January 14, 1915.

ALTHOUGH Richard Condon did not embark on a career as a writer until he was well into his forties, he established himself as a master of the thriller genre with only his second novel The Manchurian Candidate, published in 1959. Within a very few years of its appearance it was to gain added lustre for the uncanny sense of prescience it acquired from the terrible passage of events in the United States. Simply, its plot — a brainwashed zombie is programmed to kill a liberal politician - appeared to prefigure the assassina-tion of President Kennedy in Dallas in November 1963.

Indeed, so disturbing did this apparent foreknowledge seem, and such raw nerves did it touch in some quarters, that Frank Sinatra, who played a major role in the acclaimed 1962 film version of the book (Laurence Harvey was the pre-programmed assassin), exerted himself as a friend of the Kennedys to block the film's reissue. In America for some years thereafter it was difficult to find a copy on video and it did not re-emerge in the cinemas นกษั 1987.

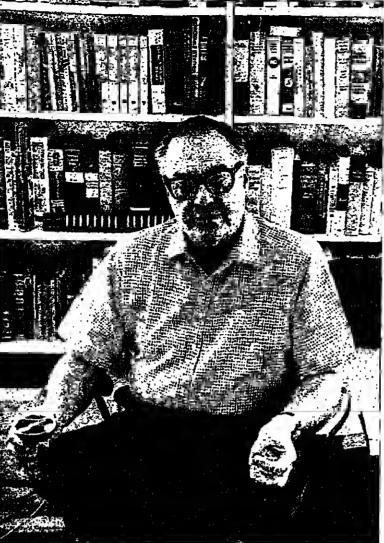
None of this did Condon any harm as a writer. For his admirers it im bued him with a sense of mysterious powers. He began to acquire a cult reputation. The only potential danger to his composure and common sense was that reviewers, not content with seeing him simply as a very good thriller-writer who did his research thoroughly and got his facts right, were increasingly inclined to detect in him a "polysyllabic, polymathic satirist" in whose novels were to be found "an amalgam of fantasy and pandectism". It was not long before comparisons with Kafka and Kerouac were being enlisted in the literary debate about Condon's quali-

Fortunately, both the author and his readers kept their heads under this bombardment. "I'm here to entertain." said Condon and he went on to do so in other familiar titles such as Winter Kills (1974), Death of a Politician (1979) and Prizzi's Honor (1982).

Like those of many contemporary thriller writers, the outer life of Richard Thomas Condon was an uneventful enough affair - and he never pretended it was anything else. Al-though he had "done time" in Hollywood before becoming a writer, he had thever inhabited any of the corridors of power or labyrinths of Mafia intrigue about which he wrote so convincingly. The authenticity was in the research, of which he was a master.

Born in New York, he attended one of its high schools, graduating anonymousi m a class of 4.000." as he later

### **RICHARD CONDON**



spent the next few years travelling the suggested to him that he do something

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His first novel, The Oldest Confes-

oceans of the world as a steward in a ship of the Dollar Line. When he In fact, he had, like many such wage returned to shore he joined an advertisslaves who live tantalisingly close to creativity without being able fully to ing agency. There he had his first creative task as a writer of slogans for assume the mantle themselves, been the packaging of toothpaste tubes or scribbling desultorily for the previous bottles of mouthwash. This involved few years. He had written the lyrics for composing exhortations to the wouldsome children's record albums and in be buyer to be aware of plaque or 1953 achieved some sort of breakthrough with a play. Men of Distinchalitosis - or both. "I did not like the advertising business." he was later to sum up this phase of his life. Nevertheless Condon had done well enough to catch the eye of Walt Disney tion, which had the grand total of four performances in New York in 1953. Nothing deterred, he resigned his job as a vice-president of RKO Radio

Productions who made him their publicity director for the eastern Unimarch of economic reality; RKO ted States. Later, he was drawn to Hollywood and found himself doing ceased production soon afterwards| and devoted himself single-mindedly publicity work for many of the big producers of the day: Samuel Gold-wyn, Cecil B. de Mille and Darryl Zanuck. He did not much like this. to writing. sion, came out in 1958. Its story was that of a young man who, sickened by either. It was stressful, gave him ulcers, yet did nothing for the creative the acceptance of corruption in the business world, decides to earn an

side of his nature which was still "honest" living as an art thief. Amerilurking, waiting to get out. But he ca, still perhaps momentarily uncerstuck it for nearly twenty years. tain of the probity of its institutions in whom he married in 1958, and by two liked to say. After leaving school he Finally, while he was recuperating the wake of the McCarthy exposure, daughters, with one of whom he had joined the US mercantile marine and from his third duodenal ulcer, his wife liked it, and Condon's latter-day Robin written a cookbook.

#### Hood won him considerable critical acclaim. He was born on April 15, 1919.

This reputation was sealed by The Manchurian Candidate and its success as both book and film emancipated Condon from further drudgery. Yet the rest of his writing life remained one of exemplary hard work. There can disappeared in part archithave been few more disciplined writers ecturally and almost entirely than he was. Amid a vast library of press cuttings, old newspapers, magazines, photographs, photocopied extracts, letters, cartoons, travel guides, maps and government papers, he employed all the electronic aids which valier and Edith Piaf grew up. were available to him from the 1950s It was a quartier of artisans onwards. He was using calculators, and street singers, dance halls VDUs and floppy disks as aids to and small bars where people plotting when many similarly techniplayed cards and swilled cally-minded authors were still drawcopious red wine. Dancing at ing lines on graph paper with coloured pencils. the local bal musette - the word musette came from the

Condon's newly-found wealth enabled him to travel widely and he had, successively, homes in Paris, Madrid, Mexico City and Geneva, as well as one in the countryside of Co Kilkenny in Ireland, before returning in the US in 1980. He now produced a steady flow of novels, several of which were made into films. Among these was Winter Kills (1974) a reworking of the presidential assassination story, which was translated to the screen in 1979. Although it was admired as a novel, it failed to make much impact as a film, in spite of a cast which included Jeff Bridges, John Huston, Anthony Perkins and Elizabeth Taylor.

Prizzi s Honor, a Mafia comedy, was made into a film in 1985 with Condon and Janet Roach as screenwriters and starring Jack Nicholson and Kathleeen Turner, John Huston directed. Notwithstanding such talents before and behind the camera (and although Huston's daughter Anjelica won an Oscar for best supporting actress), the film tended to puzzle as much as to please. Perhaps a filmgoing audience brought up on the lush simplicities adulteries, betrayals and bloodlettings - of the Francis Ford Coppola film versions of Mario Puzo's The Godfather could make little of its sour black comedy, Nevertheless Condon followed it with a number of sequels involving the Prizzi family, which were all well received, although, even for his most devoted fans, none really seemed to capture the subtlety and felicity of touch which had characterised The Manchurian Candidate.

Besides novel writing Condon was an enthusiast for wine and food - and one of considerable knowledge at that. As a "spare time" relaxation he liked writing about these subjects for magazines, and he was a chevalier of the Confrèrie du Tastevin and a member of the Commandérie du Bontemps as well as being a chevalier of the Chalne des Rötisseurs.

He is survived by his wife Evelyn. the sharper rhythm of Yvene

### **JO PRIVAT**

Jo Privat. accordionist.

died on April 3 aged 76.

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firmly by the hips - or the French java. Privat with his

smooth style, the opposite of

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with braces being the popular description of the accordion. An early influence was the

He was given his first accordion at the age of seven gypsy guitarist Django Reinby his aunt who ran what was hardt, who, at the time, was known as a maison de tolerplaying at the main Paris (lea ance - more blunily a brothel market at the Porte de Clignancourt. Reinhardt had in-- in the rundown Marais district near by. As his fame vented a new, lighter sound grew, he became a travelling than that of the banjo. Privat star across France and, later, followed his example, discardthe Far East, But he lived and ing the staccato style of the played virtually the whole of his life in the eastern part of the city where he headed the older musette accordionists, veering to legato and mixing Italian melodies, sounds from Eastern Europe and a touch of bill for more than fifty years at the famous Balajo dance hall iazz\_

Another star of the epoch. Verchuren, continued to be This still stands, a stone's throw from the new Opera accompanied by saxophones House at the Bastille, in an and trumpets and used polkas and marches for his inspiraarea now crowded with designer clothes shops, smart tion, but Privat with his more restaurants and multiplex cintender nuances won the pubemas. But before the Second lic's favour. Not that he ever World War it was very differforgot the tempo for he was ent. By day, the narrow streets known as someone to whom were bustling with tradesmen one could dance all night. shouring in argot. By night He first played at the Balajo they swarmed with petty

in 1936 after winning the criminals, pimps, street girls international accordion comand apprehensive bourgeois petition at the Moulin de la Galette cabaret in Montmar-Privat played on the stage of tre, one-time haunt of Van the small, dark Balajo dance Gogh and Toulonse Lauree. hall, with guitarists as back-He wrole his biggest hit Balajo in 1939 while he was a up. There were no brass instruments and the dance soldier, awaiting the Second was usually a lively fast walrz World War. - men clasping their partners

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Dozens of hit records followed in the 1940s and 1950s, notably Nuit Blanche, Cauchemor. Provillons Noirs. Annirersoire and Mystérieuse.

was known for his generosity towards other musicians, particularly those of gypsy origin he was known himself as "the white gypsy". He was admired both as a technical virtuoso and as a player who could launch into flights of jazz or turn to dream folk melodies studded with dramatic pauses.

Even the then President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing tried to imitate him, taking his accordion on TV in an unsuccessful effort to improve his haughty image before his defeat by François Mitterrand in 1981.

In the 1980s, musical tastes changed dramatically and the Balajo management downgraded the accordion in favour of disco music. Privat. by then a national institution, toured increasingly without ever losing his very east Paris way of talking, incomprehensible to the young dancing at the Balajo today. Privat returned often to the Rue de Lappe where he frequented the few old-style bistros left in an area once dominated by Auvergnats. He played his last concert at the dance hall in 1989 to celebrate the bicentenary of the French Revolution. In recent years Privat

launched a new career in Asia becoming a star in Japan, where his Balajo mekuly was played on television and radio and where he gave concerts to packed houses. Jo Privat is survived by a

came known as le roi Parisien du pinno d bretelles - piano

Homer, his female rival, be- In all, his repertuire contained some 500 tunes. Prival, a big colourful man, son.

He could be firm and on

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with a gaiety that was infec-

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world - or himself - too

In 1977 the Royal Naval

College at Greenwich caused

him to change tack once again.

Throughout his life he had a

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was like returning home. He enjoyed his new responsibil-

ides. He had a sure touch. Yet

he was not a consensus man.

He liked people and was a

He was enthusiastic about

the increase in the academic

Staff Course at Greenwich.

### **PROFESSOR PETER NAILOR**

Peter Nailor, Provost of Gresham College, former civil servant and university professor, died on April 5 aged 67. He was born on December 16, 1928.

PETER NAILOR enjoyed a varied career, spent partly in the academic world and partly in public service. The fact that he slotted into no easy category probably had something to do with what, in a predominantly managerial society. some may have seen as a failure to fulfil his potential. Peter Nailor was the only on of Leslie-Nailor and his wife Lily Matilda (née Jones). Coming from no grand family background, he was educated

at Wadham College, Oxford, where he read Modern History, taking a first in 1952. He joined the Admiralty as an assistant principal that same year. He quickly made his mark. He did well as private secretary to Sir John Lang, then Secretary to the Admiralty and one of Whitehall's most outstanding characters who combined being both kind and demanding. He spent the years from

at the Mercers' School - then

on the site of Barnard's Inn in

Holborn - and subsequently

1962 to 1967 as a member of the Polaris Executive, which was set up following the Nassau Agreement between President Kennedy and Harold Macmillan of December

any civil servant in one post but it was regarded as necessary if the Polaris project was to be brought to fruition in terms of both time and contained cost. The executive was a small. self-contained group tucked away in a corner of the Ministry of Defence in Whitehall. Nailor played a major role in helping to mastermind the finance and administrative side of the project. This involved a number of new ideas in terms of management and control, including working closely with the United States. It may be that this distinctly long stint. despite its advantages, took him somewhal out of sight of the mainstream and influenced both him and his

1962. This was a long spell for

to be fair, he was never careerminded) while at the same time encouraging his interests in activities elsewhere. As things worked out, he went on to become head of a new division in the Defence Secretariat, within the Ministry of Defence, which had been set up to think ahead: to produce realistic scenarios, cutting across service boundaries, and against which any service, or inter-service reauirements, could be tested. This division became increasingly involved in what is now known as the Arms Control field, including its nuclear aspects. Nailor worked closely, and comfortably, with the Defence Planning Staff and

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future in Whitehall (although, the Defence Operations Analysis Executive at Byfleet. This was a job he relished. It was innovative. It was intellectual-ly demanding. It gave him opportunities to meet a much wider range of people both inside and outside Whitehall. In the second half of the 1960s the Ministry of Defence was seeking to establish a dialogue, particularly over defence policy issues, with the academic world, including the idea of secondments in both directions. It was in this encouraging atmosphere that Nailor went to become Profes-

sor of Strategic Studies in the Department of Politics and International Relations at the newly-founded University of Lancaster. His initial thinking was that he would spend three years there and then return to the Ministry of Defence but, in the event, he stayed happily at Lancaster from 1969 to 1977 and was Head of Department

from 1974 to 1977. He took to academic life enthusiastically. He enjoyed teaching and research, edited books and published work in journals and in publications of the International Institute for Strategic Studies. He developed links with a number of overseas universities and was a member of the political science committee of the then Social Science Research Council.

For most of his years at Lancaster he was vice-princi-

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Professor of History and Inter-national Affairs at Greenwich pal of Lonsdale College with a large flat on the top floor. His home was a salon for colleagues and students alike. He created a relaxed, informal environment in which he flourished. His students will sympathetic listener but there is no doubt that he was in recall how much his very personal style added to the pleasures of university life. He command of his staff. encouraged young colleagues in both their teaching and content of the Royal Naval research activides and in spreading their wings outside the university world. As Head His lectures and tutorials were enlivened by wit and a foreof Department, he brought forward positive and practical

knowledge of potendal polit-ical mishaps. He delighted in ideas of financial manageoffering hospitality in the Painted Hall. His verbal inviment, which worked. To his colleagues and stutations usually included the dents he was seen as a kind. injunction: "Dress up for the thoughtful and gentle man but surroundings; dress down for one who would fight hard for something in which he be-lieved. Privately he would

the food." It was fitting that, on his retirement, he gave the 1988

often help students with finan-Trafalgar Night Address and proposed the toast to Nelson's He enjoyed his work and Immortal Memory, at his last had fun at Lancaster. He was a successful senior academic. mess dinner in the Painted

Hall His last post was as parttime Provost of Gresham College. He found it most congenial. not least because it was a return to Barnard's Inn where he had been a boy at school. He worked well with the governing body - mostly members of the City Corporation and of the Mercers' Company, his own Livery Company — and made a major contribution to the renascence of the college by widening its attraction and broadening its appeal. He was making plans for the college's quarter-centenary celebrations the week before he died.

Peter Nailor was an unusual man in many ways. He did not find it easy to determine his real metier in life; hence the diversity of his activities. He was always part-academic and part-public servant. He was full both of intellectual curiosity and a yearning for practicality. He wanted life to be interesting. He always wanted the opportunity to make full use of his outstanding verbal facility with words. He liked diversity both in its own right and for the new opportunities it gave him to use his wit, which he did with abundance throughout his life.

He never married.

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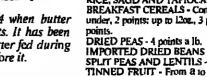
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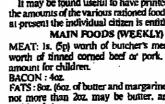
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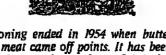


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### 22 TRAVEL NEWS

### **Third World** lures tourists

#### By STEVE KEENAN

THE WORLD'S developing countries are taking a bigger slice of the tourism cake - and the biggest loser is Western Europe.

Over the past 20 years, Europe has lost oearly a 10 per cent share of tourist arrivals. The Americas also saw their share shrink by nearly 3 per cent.

But all other areas of the world have seen their market grow - Africa, the Middle East, South Asia and East Asia/Pacific, according to a comprehensive new report from the World Tourism Organisation (WTO).

The biggest growth has been to East Asia and the Pacific, which has more than trebled its share of international tourists (to 14.7 per cent) and revenue (13.7) over the past two decades.

The region has consistently been the strongest growth area of the past decade, overtaken for the first time last year by the Middle East and South Asia.

The surge in tourism to developing countries has seen destinations including China, Hong Kong and Singapore leap up the table of the world's top 20 tourism hotspots.

The growth is mirrored in figures to Eastern Europe. where Poland has seen arrivals grow six-fold in five years and the Czech Republic has doubled its figures.





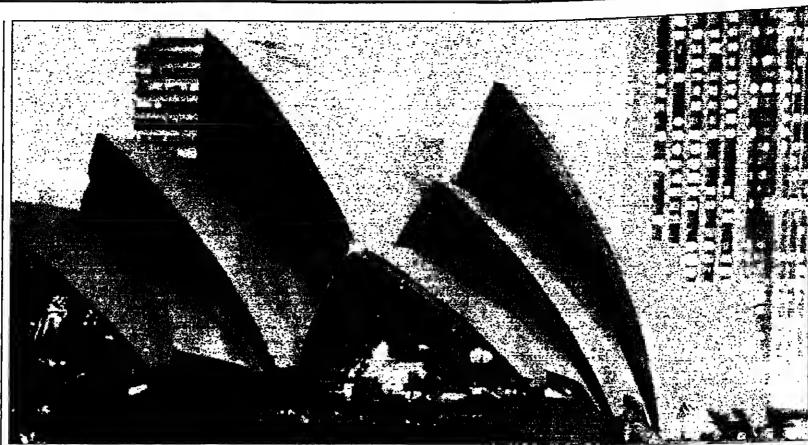
Europe accounted for three in five (59.5 per cent) of all international tourist arrivals last year. The United Kingdom showed the biggest rise, with figures up 7.9 per cent to 22.7 million visitors.

But Europe's share of both arrivals and revenue has shrunk since 1975, when more than two-thirds (69.2 per cent) of tourists visited this continent.

The past five years have witnessed a gradual diversificadon of tourist markets with the emergence of new destinadons such as Hong Kong and

Singapore," the report says. The same phenomenon is observed in Central and Eastern Europe, where countries such as Hungary, Poland and the Czech Republic have all chalked up sizeable gains in the world ranking."

The Middle East was the fastest growing region last year, largely due to the recovery in tourism to Egypt. up 95 per cent. South Asia reported the second biggest growth spurred by a 20 per cent leap in visitors to India and 10 per cent growth to the Maldives.



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The new Government's raising of the cap on visas will give more young British backpackers the opportunity to see Sydney Opera House this year

### Australia increases visas

#### By HARVEY ELLIOTT

THOUSANDS of young people whose hopes of spending a working holiday in Australia had been dashed will now be able to travel Down Under. It is all due to the change of government in Australia,

The former Labor Governexpected and a complete ban on all visa applications was ordered until the end of June. ment had imposed a worldwide cap on the number of holiday visas which would be The new conservative coaliissued in the year to July. This tion Government has now

country.

was an effort by Canberra to relented after pressure from help to cut the 9 per cent Australia's farmers who said unemployment rate in Austrathat British youngsters were lia. Half of the 33,000 visas the best temporary workers in the world. An investigation by government officials also re-vealed that "young working holidaymakers have a positive were allocated to young Britons to enable them to work on backpacking trips around the effect on the economy through However, the allocation was used up far more quickly than

their aggregate demand for food and services". The number of "working" visas available for Britons has and from 33,000 to 42,000 the previous government," he worldwide. Philip Ruddock, the new

Working holidays in Australia have grown in populari-Immigration Minister, said ty over recent years since the introduction of cheap charter flights costing as little as £399 that the programme was particularly welcomed by the tourism, horticultural, rural and other industries which return. A working holiday visa is relied on casual labour at peak

available to young people between the ages of 18 and 25 and is valid for 12 months. "I have listened to their concerns and believe that Aus-Last year, a record 350,000 Britons went to Australia purely as tourists.

> from 1.2 million last year. The strength of interest in Florida is shown by the increase in requests for the free video Disney and Unijet are offering to holidaymakers, Last year some 300,000 were dispatched, but Disney says more than three times as many have been requested so far this year.

But with airline capacity to Florida up by 30 per cent or more this summer, industry sources fear that operators will be forced to cut back or discount heavily to sell seats.

### FERRY BARGAINS

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SCANDINAVIAN Sea ways is offering 25 per cent off fares between Harwich and Esbjerg in Denmark booked before April 30, for travel between June 1 and August 31. Fares start from £59 per person for couchette accommodation booked seven days in advance. Details: 0990 333000.

HOVERSPEED is offering day-trips in April at [25. for a car and five passen-gers on its Dover-Calais and Folkestone-Boulogue routes. Available through Eurodrive, the price rises to E35 in May and June from Dover but remains at £25 from Folkestone. Saturdays carry a £10 supple-ment. Details: 0181-324 4040.

BRITANNY Ferries has a special offer of a day-trip or 24-hour return for just E19 on its four routes to France from Portsmouth, Poole and Plymouth unol April 30, to cover a car andoccupants. A three-day return is also on offer at £39. and an eight-day return costs £69. Details: 0990 360 360.

DRIVELINE Europe is promoting 24-hour fares with P&O European Ferries for £29 a car and five passengers on Dover-Calais (Saturdays £10 extra), until June 30. A five-day return is on sale for £55 for a car and two passengers. Details: 01707 660011.

STENA Line has cheap April fares to publicise its-Lynx catamaran service from Dover to Calais. Daytrips for a car and five passengers cost £30, a three-day return E49 (E10 supplement for Saturdays). Foot passengers travel for £8 any day. Bookings must be made seven days in advance. Details: 0990

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AMERICAN transport officials this week finally signed the paperwork enabling Sir Freddie Laker officially to begin transatlantic services as a US registered airline, Har-DC10 jets. vey Elliott and David Churchill write.

The launch of his new service between Manchester and Florida had been delayed while Federal Aviation Administration and transport department officials studied the details of his new venture. Sir Freddie was forced to start the service with jets borrowed

from a French airline until be was given permissioo to fly

At peak periods Laker Airways will operate three flights bottom and profits thin. a week between Orlando and service will also be joined by a Manchester and foor flights a Virgin Atlantic six-flights-aweek between Orlando and Gatwick. A further service week service from Manbetween Prestwick and Orchester to Orlando. Toor lando is due to begin in May. company Unijet is also open-Rivals, however, claim that Sir Freddie has launched a ing a new route to Orlando

service to compete on one of the most over-crowded and most difficult air routes in the world, with prices now at rock From May 17 the oew Laker

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tralia has more to gain than to now officially been raised from 16,500 a year to 21,000 lose from raising the cap on the programme imposed by Laker cleared for take-off

other charter carriers are increasing the number of flights to Florida this summer, This

year at a time of falling demand for Mediterranean package destinations. Colin Brodie, Florida's director of tourism in London, estimates that demands for holidays to Florida this year

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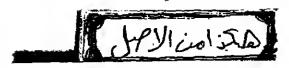
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**TRAVEL NEWS** 

BARGAINS OF THE WEEK

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### THE TIMES THURSDAY APRIL 11 1996

### Why tour operators love the North West

E legant Resorts, one of Britain's most market tour operators, is to produce a brochure aimed at holidaymakers living in the North West

The company was set up in 1988 in Chester, but its main target audience until now has been in the South East, However, a raft of staostical and anecdotal evidence has indicated that the economic balance and, more importantly, the area in which people are prepared to spend to enjoy itemselves, is shifting north. Elegant Resorts provides only long-haul holidays to some of the finest hotels in the

world, using scheduled airlines and charging up to £40,000 for a holiday in exotic spots such as Mauritius or the Seychelles,

An increasing number of people from the North West can afford the price. Last year at least 20 per cent of its clients came from the area and this year the figure is expected to

grow to about 35 per cent. Liz Jeffries, nf the Greater Manchester Visitors and Convention Bureau, says: "You have only to walk around the city to see how prosperous we have become. Armani and Vivienne Westwood have both opened branches in Manches-



ter and Versace is shorthy coming to town. A recent survey showed that south Manchester and north Cheshire have more millionaires per head of the population than anywhere else in the country." Lunn Poly, the mass-market travel agency, has opened a branch in the centre of Manchester to deal with the de-

mand for exotic holidays. Last the first time the prestige week the Lord Mayor opened its "worldwide lounge", specialising in long-haul travel.

with 22 full-time staff. Beverley Longsden, the manager. said: "Our customers certainly have a taste for the exotic. The most popular long-haul destinations from Manchester are Florida, the Far East, the Caribbean and Australia.

Those who stay at home also have an increasing taste for the good life. The Chester Grosvenor hotel, for example, has been chosen as this year's host for the Muram Champagne gastronomy dinner --

culinary event has been held outside London. The key to all inbound and

outbound travel to the region. however, is Manchester airport Last month, in a survey of 45,000 international airline passengers by the International Air Transport Association, it was voted the best airport in the world.

It was the first time Manchester had appeared in the list of the top 43 airports surveyed in Europe, North America, the Middle East and Asia.

But this year Manchester, which is local authority-owned

and is in the middle of a £500 million capital investment programme, beat Singapore Changi into second place and Amsterdam into third. Gatwick was ranked twelfth and Heathrow twenty-sixth.

Air Maurinus has now introduced twice-weekly flights from Manchester to the Royal Palm hotel on the Indian Ocean island, with packages cosning £1,499 for five nights. Seats are booked for months ahead.

Forget the image of nearpoverty so often used to por-Iray the North West, It is now the economic powerhouse of Britain.

SEVEN and 14night Southern Caribbean Cruises from £799 per person are on offer from Seawind Cruise Line. Sailing out of Barbados on April 18, 25, May 2 and 9, the cruise takes in St Lucia, Trinidad, Tobago, Grenada. Martinique, Aruba and Curaçoa. Prices include return flights from London to Bar-

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CREDUCTIONS of L50

per person for one and two-week holidays at the three-

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GFRIENDLY Hotels also

has a golfing package avail-

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Hotel in either Ayr or Perth,

Scotland, for £50 per person

per night. The price includes

accommodation, breakfast

and dinner, and a round of

golf at a local course. Details: 01292 263268 (Ayr) or 01738 62414t (Perth).

THE Briggens House Ho-tel near Ware in Hertford-

shire is planning a series of murder-mystery weekends starting on June 14. The price is £99 per couple for

overnight half-board accom-

modation plus the murder

scenario. Details: 01279

bados. Details: 0171-723 0773. SAVINGS of £240 per person for a t2-night stay in Bali are on offer from Tropical Places. Staying at the three-star Club Bali Mirage Hotel between May I and June 30 costs £999 per person including return flights from Heathrow. Details:

Holidays. Seven-night stays between April 14 and May 22 cost £290 per person (based on two sharing), or £433 for a fortnight. The price includes return flights from Gatwick, transfers and breakfast. Details: 01703 332661.

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CRETURN flights to Toulouse or Bordeaux are on offer for £99 per person from Air Liberté from April 15 to May 15. Flights run twice daily out of Gatwick from Monday to Fridays and on Sundays. Details: 0345 778900

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room-only package costs from £455 per person. De-tails: 0800 353535. THE Lygon Arms in Broadway in the Cotswolds has a special funess weekend

package available for £236 per person, with two nights' accommodation. Details: 01386 852255.

TWO of Switzerland's legendary hotels at opposite ends of the Alps, the Suvretta House in St Moritz and the Grand Hotel Zermatterhol in Zermatt, have joined for the first time to offer a summer package. The deal, available from July, costs 1915 per person and includes three nights in each hotel and travel between the two on the Glacier Express. De-tails (from April 16): 00 41 518 321132.

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### Winter in Africa for £439

#### BY STEVE KEENAN

EXOTIC holidays and cruising are expected to show the greatest growth in bookings from the winter 1996-97 brochures out today from Brit-ain's two biggest tour operators.

Thomson and Airtours which between them sell hatf of all overseas holidays, have targeted couples willing to travel further for winter sunshine and adventure. The demand for tong-haul holidays is one bright spot of this spring, with sales running 30 per cent up in a market that is 20 per cent down overall.

But the long-haul market in winter has also trebled, to 500,000 people, in the past six years, according to Thomson. "Long-haul is enjoying a

particularly good run at the moment. All the growth this winter was in that market, and it wouldn't surprise me if it is the same next year," said Colin Mitchell, Thomson's planning director.

Thomson is running a charter series to the Pacific resort of Puerto Vallarta in Mexico of for the first time, and expects

Sri Lanka to return to favour. Its lead-in price to Mombasa is £439 for two weeks. Airtours has also produced

a long-haul brochure for the rst time, and introduces Bali

and the Maldives - the laner starting at £449 for a week. The company believes 80 per cent of customers from the brochure will be couples, the retired and young "empty nesters" looking for quality and value.

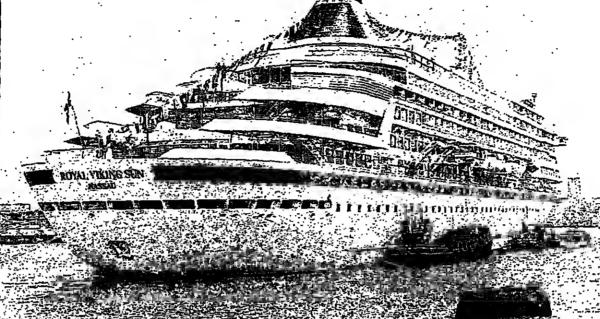
Both companies have also targeted cruising as the other growth area, "Cruising is becoming more popular by the day," said Charles Newbold. Thomson's managing director, "More than 350,000 Britons sail around the Medi-terranean and Caribbean and the figure is set to double by the year 2000,"

New ports of call for Airtours are Istanbul and the Caribbean islands of Margarita, Curação and Aruba. Prices start at £499 for a week.

Around 2.6 millioo people took an overseas holiday this winter, with beach holidays in Spain accounting for nearly half the market, according to the travel agents Lunn Poly. Thomson expects to provide

one million free cups of tea and biscuits this winter, to run 2000 bingo games and will have ballroom dancing in 37 hotels in eight resorts.

The favourable exchange rate also saw a renaissance in demand for Florida (up 10 per cent), followed by France. Portugal and Cyprus. Longhaul accounts for 20 per cent of the market



Royal Viking Sun docks in Egypt after striking a reef. Cunard claims the publicity has actually increased bookings

### **Accident boosts bookings**

#### BY HARVEY ELLIOTT

AS CUNARD's new Norwegian owners this week puzzled what to do with their trouble-prone acquisition, potential passengers ignored the recent space of bad publicity and flocked to book a cruise on the Royal Viking Sun, Cunard's luxury liner which last week hit a reef off Egypt.

"It has been an exact repeat of the pattern which followed the problems we had with the QE2 last year," said Eric Flounders, the Cunard spokesman. "Far from cancelling their cruise bookings in the wake of the incident, they now know



another company, a joint marketing agreement, sale or further investment." One option being considered is to retain the four most luxurious ships - QE2. Royal Viking Sun and two ocean-going yachts both named Sea Goddess - and sell the remaining three. Few problems are expected in disposing of these three ships because of the continuing boom in cruising. Last year, many companies reported an increase of up to 80 per cent in bookings and so far this year the trend has continued.

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### I've jeans, fly me

about to start services from Britain will be served by cabin staff wearing jeans, leather flying jackets and trainers, Roger Bray writes.

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Denim Air is the latest in a wave of operators to abandon the conventional image of the hostess in run-free tights, immaculate white blouse and neat hat. It follows Easylet. which began flying between London and Scotland last

PASSENGERS travelling year, and which dresses its with a new airline that is cabin crew in sweatshirts. The Dutch-owned Denim will operate two round trips a

day between London City Airport, Docklands, and Eindhoven from April 26. The logo on the side of its planes will be in denim blue.

Ray Gaffney of Denim says: "We wanted to do something different. We see ourselves as a young, competitive operator, much the same as Virgin and Lauda Air."

more about the Royal Viking Sun. They have heard that it is rated in the Berlin. Guide as the number one cruise ship in

the world and has been for years. "Last year, bookings for the QE2 in January and February were well up on the previous year's levels because people learnt that the ship had undergone a massive refit. Now that the Royal Viking Sun has hit the headlines, they know far more about a ship which was largely unknown in the British market. It just shows that there is no such thing as bad publicity."

Whether this will convince the directors of Kvaerner - the Oslo-based engineering company who took over Cunard's parent company, Trafalgar House, less than 24 hours before the Royal Viking Sun struck the reef - to keep the ship and the six others in the fleet is doubtful.

P&O's Gwyn Hughes cruising boom

Officially, they insist that retaining the ships remains a possibility, but most experts believe that they will dispose of at least some, if not all of them. Kvaemer's takeover of Trafalgar House does not become "absolute" until next Thursday, when the European Commission has finally approved the deal, but already decisions are being made about the future of one of Britain's most prestigious and

best-known maritime names. The directors support our attempt to reorganise and develop the luxury end of the market and to bring Cunard back to profitability," said a spokesman for Trafalgar House. That could take two years and then we will review the options. These could include a merger with

moment," said Gwyn Hughes, managing director of Cunard's rival P&O. whose flagship, the Oriana, is now a year old. The ship has had the propellers replaced to prevent vibrations at full speed. In the first year of operations it carried 35,000 passengers more than 124.000 miles and visited 89 ports.

In the meannime, the Royal Viking Sun is to be towed to a dry dock for repairs and, it is hoped, it will be back in service by the beginning of June.

All 560 passengers on board have been offered a 14-night cruise on other ships in the fleet. If they accept - and most are expected to do so - they will join hundreds of others still to take up their compensatory trips offered after the fire on board the MV Sagafjord and as a result of the QE2 cruise which began before a major refit could be completed.

Travel Ware May 31. Typ clude Hong Kong £492; Sin-gapore £450; Bangkok £439; Peking £478; Osaka £619. fly-drive passengers renting a car with Avis at one of 13 mainland UK airports. Details: 034S 666 777. Details: 0171-414 \$\$08.

DURING April. Wexas Travel Club is charging £174 LUFTHANSA is offering a cut-price £369 day-return business-class fare between for return Virgin Atlantic Manchester, Frankfurt and flights to New York, with Munich. The normal fare flights to Los Angeles priced would cost as much as £536. Details: 034S 737 747. at £239, both flying Air New Zealand. Details: 0171-589 3315

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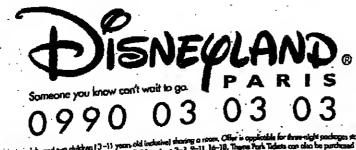
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BY DAVID CHURCHILL cabin crew about their neigh-

BUSINESS travellers may be bour's behaviour. among the world's most frequent flyers, but a new survey also suggests there are natshows they are an aotisocial ional stereotypes of busicess travellers. The British, it says, are most likely to be demandgroup, eager to avoid other

passengers. The survey, by the publ-ishers of the Official Airlines ing a free drink in the executive louoge before a flight. They are the least focused on Guides (OAG), of 2,200 executives who regularly fly on hasiness found that four out work and career and most willing to give up their seat for of ten had at some time money on an overbooked changed their airline seats to flight. The survey says: avoid a fellow traveller on "When they are propping up the bar, the last thing on their their flight. Another fifth of those surveyed had asked at miod is sending a fax." check-in to be seated as far as The British executive in the possible from other passenair also comes oul as a "moangers. This Greta Garbo "I ing Minnie", usually comwant to be alone" approach plaining about the injustice of applied mostly to older and someone else getting a scat male frequent-flyers, say the upgrade or paying a lower OAG researchers. If travelfare. The French, on the other ling executives have to sit next hand, "are the most consciento someone, their ideal pastious at being charming to senger is "someone you don't check-in staff in order to get a need to talk to". flight upgrade". They fly Air

The most antisocial travellers are those based in Hong Koog, it seems, closely followed by British and American executives.

cerned with efficiency criteria The myth of picking up a such as punctuality, modern new social partner remains aircraft and a smooth checkin. Americans are obsessed by just that, especially for Amerifrequent-flyer programmes can business travellers, aland less concerned about the though the French are more amount of legroom they have willing to use their time to or type of plane. But they are form a friendship with a the most aggressive at seekfellow passenger. The British ing flight upgrades. are more likely than any other

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### Blair courts Wall St with tax pledge

Tony Blair flew into New York to tell some of the world's leading financiers that a Labour Britain would be a safe bet for their investments.

Within hours of arriving for a three-day visit, the Labour leader told a Wall Street audience that he was a "passionate free-trader". He assured them of his commitment to enterprise and promised that Labour would set tax rates that would not deter overseas companies ... .Page 1

### Church urged to attract young back

Fundamental change is needed to stop young people abandoning the Church of England in droves, the General Synod is to be told after a study found that youth attendance had dropped by a third in seven years. Lack of interest by 

#### **Defective planning** Tyson assault claim

Mike Tyson, the heavyweight boxing champion, is under investigation after a woman complained of sexual assault in a Chicago nightclub..... Page 1

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Anthony Steen, MP, could have hit on a growth industry. A veteran campaigner, he has written an expert guide for a fellow Conservative MP on how to save his marginal seat ... ...... Page 1

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#### 'Safe' Ecstasy row

A claim that Ecstasy is safer than asprin by the director of social work in Glasgow brought calls for her resignation from drug rehabilitation workers ...... Page 3 **Boarding school blow** 

Boarding schools face a fall in pupils after the Inland Revenue confirmed that thousands of parents are to lose tax concessions on

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When the Tories won the 1992

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London's historic Guildhall is being offered to the Labour Party as a home for the elected body with which it is planning to replace the former Greater London Council .Page 11

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Women at a Japanese car factory near Chicago who had their bottoms and breasts pinched and were called names have launched America's biggest sexu-

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A decade after the Chernobyl accident contaminated vast reaches of Europe, inhabitants of the for-

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Sydney Ravens refights Culloden during a visit to the Bonnie Prince Charlie exhibition at the National Army Museum in London yesterday

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England's leading clubs will try to buy time today before deciding whether to bow to their governing body. ---- Page 46 Rowing: Steven Redgrave, winner of three Olympic gold medals and six world championships, said that he would make his last competitive appearance in this summer's Olympics -\_ Page 48 Football: Wales have chosen an experimental side for the match against Switzerland on April

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Donors will have to work with Liberia's criminal warlords, knowing that much Western aid will go astray. They should hold their noses, and help ..... Page 19

Of tubby mice and men Middle age - when one can do just as much as ever, but would rather not - is the time when most bodies expand and some horizons Page 19 shrink.

WILLIAM REES-MOGG My impression is that champagne socialists are really dry white wine socialists nowadays, a good white burgundy from Berry Brothers in the Hampstead set, and something quite acceptable from the Napa 

"A generation without rules" is the way one commentator describes those young people who have no structure to their home lives, whose parents may be separated or simply absent, who are deprived of the normal routine of family life: With no codes of behaviour and no conventional relationships to guide them, it is upsurprising if they drop out of society .....

JOHN BRYANT More than 10,000 runners are carrying the Olympic torch in a ritual that seems to reek of antiquity. But the truth is that the torch relay is younger by half a century than its

Richard Condon, American thriller writer; Jo Privat, accordionist. ...... Page 21

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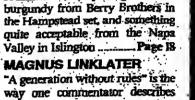
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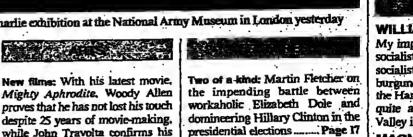
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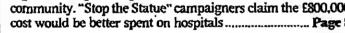
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#### BY ROBERT MILLER

THE Investors Compensation Scheme, the ultimate safety net for investors who lose money through bad advice, theft or fraud, yesterday closed down a further eight firms, bringing the total number of companies shut down since the start of the year to 26. Some 20 of these closures have been in the past two weeks.

The ICS is also understood to be planning to announce details of the first compensation payments to be made to investors who were mis-sold personal pensions next week. About seven firms are expected to be named and many more could follow over the

coming months. The compensation bill for the 26 firms which this year have been declared in default - a legal mechanism that triggers payments to investors - could top E5 million and involve up to 3,500 investors. The ICS, which had to be bailed out by the Treasury last summer with a £17 million line of credit, is funded largely by firms that sell investments direct to the public and are members of the Personal Investment Authority, a senior

City watchdog. The ICS is to shortly an-

It is alleged that an employ ee of Alliance Financial Manmth Inte agement, who was visiting a Lifle long gilt future (Jun) ... client in the course of her other employment as a catalogue company agent, also sold the client an unsuitable long-term insurance policy. lew York Another firm, Liam Carey, who traded as Tara Consultants from offices in Chigwell,

Essex, is alleged to have sold a man in his 20s three regular premium insurance policies which required total annual premiums of £26,000. The investor had sought a flexible savings plan where he could stop and start payments when he wanted. Unable to maintain the level of premiums demanded, the policies subsequently lapsed without any value to the investor

In the case of Pentagon Financial Management (East Anglia) which traded in Bristol and Norwich it is alleged that investors were told by one of the firm's advisers to invest their money in a company which the adviser owned and operated. This alleged conflict of interest was not revealed to the investors.

lan Lang, President of the Board of Trade, yesterday It is understood that Melvyn Powell, the adviser concerned,

Slow climb: Paul Harrison, right, chief executive of Alpha Airports, the inflight catering and retail group, and Stuart Siddal, finance direc-tor designate, reported a fall in profits to £20.6 million last year, from £21.4 million in 1994 Full report Page 27 and Tempus Page 28



BRISTOL & WEST, the ninth-largest building society, with assets of £9 billion, is expected to unveil plans next Monday of a takeover by a group listed on the London stock market. A British clearing bank is

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tipped as the most likely candidate to take over the society, and in the process trigger bonus payouts worth an average of between £750 and £1,000 to more than one million qualifying members. In recent weeks, speculation over Bristol & West's plans has become intense, with Australian banks such as National Australia Bank tipped as potential bidders. British companies previously linked with Bristol & West include BAT Industries, the tobacco to fi-

nancial services group. The Bristol & West deal is likely to mirror last year's takeover of Cheltenham & Gloucester building society by Lloyds Bank. C&G is now the official retail mortgage arm of Lloyds and has kept its own corporate identity, as Bristol & West is expected to.

John Burke, chief executive of Bristol & West, said last night "I never comment on rumour or speculation. Mutu-ality has served us well since 1850 but that does not necessarily mean that we will continue as a mutual organisation for the next 150 years. We have made no secret of the fact that we have conducted a thorough review of our businesses and strategy. Any decision we take with regard to the

future will be in the best interests of all our members and where we can concentrate on providing mortgages, savings and investments."

As part of its business review, Bristol & West earlier this year disposed of Hamptons, its estate agency chain, for £3.8 million leaving the society with a book loss of E33 million. Mr Burke said: "It was an expensive disposal but is an indication of how we are sticking to our core businesses." In terms of financial health, the Bristol & West has returned to corporate health since the early 1990s. In 1993, profits stood at £47.1 million (£77.1 million last year) while its all important costs-to-income ratio has fallen from 58.4 per cent to 52.9 per cent, still

on the high side for a tightly run building society. Bad debt of its savings accounts and raise the minimum investcover has almost halved from ment to £1,000 on Monday 1993 levels of £91 million to and then again more than double the entry point yesteraround £47 million in 1996. day to £2,500. Mr Hayward Meanwhile, speculation said: "Following speculation that we might be a merger or over which society might be the next one to be taken over. merge with another society or bid target our 13 offices were literally swamped and staff opt for a straight stock market flotation, as Northern Rock had to close the doors." Adrian Coles, director gen-eral of the Building Societies did last week, has led to society's having to all but close Association, said: "We have its doors to new members, many of whom hope to cash in contacted both the Treasury and the Building Societies Commission, about the deon bonus payouts. National Counties has closed its investment accounts as has the stabilising flows of money into Lambeth. David Hayward.

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nounce the level of its annual levy on firms for their share of the compensation bill over the last 12 months. The total liability is not expected to be much changed from last year's £17 million Among the eight firms closed

yesterday were Andrew Pollard Financial Services of Chatham, Kent; Leading Financial Services Limited, of Eastleigh, Southampton; DM Financial Consultants of Maidstone in Kent, Lawes Montague (Bristol) of Wokingham, Berkshire, and Mrs Linda Susan Scott, who traded as Alliance Finantargets of bid speculation. It is cial Management in Woodstock, Oxfordshire. quite wrong for genuine society customers to be

was formerly connected with three other firms whose failure prompted the intervention of the the ICS. He was subsequently convicted at Bristol Crown Court of fraud ulent trading and sentenced to 12 months in prison and disqualified from being a com-

pany director for ten years. The case of Lewis Alkin Financial Services of North London involved a re-mortgage package linked to an endowment policy where the adviser failed to recommend the most suitable policy to take account of the investor's diabetic condition. This resulted in the investor being forced to make additional payments.

urged Japan to open up its telecommunications market and called for greater urgency in deregulating the economy. He made his plea on a visit to Tokyo to promote British exports and to encourage more Japanese investors to come to Britain. Page 26

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Smurfit caution

Jefferson Smurfit, Europe's largest packaging group. warned investors of weak demand for some products and of a threat from increasing paper supplies from the US. The Irish group reported record profits. Page 27, Tempus 28

### , DTI had warning on ostrich venture

#### By ROBERT MILLER AND KAREN ZAGOR

THE Department of Trade and Industry received official warnings about the Ostrich Farming Corporation more than a year before it was ordered to cease trading by the High Court last week.

It is also understood that vital business documents were removed from the Nottingharn offices of OFC days before the DTI asked the court to appoint the Official Receiv-er as provisional liquidator last Wednesday. This week, the Serious Fraud Office opened its own investigation. Inquiries by The Times reyeal the DTI was passed a file

on OFC after an investigation by the Securities and Investments Board, the chief City regulator. The SIB confirmed

yesterday that as well as repeating its concerns earlier this year, it had passed over papers to the DII about the company in early 1995.

A separate company, the Ostrich Sales and Marketing Corporation, is based in New Ollerton, also in Nottingham. Brian Ketchell, OFC's managing director, is also secretary and director of this company.

The DTI declined yesterday to comment on a report that it gave OFC £660 to take part in a trade mission to the Gulf only mooths before it moved to close the company. OFC has said that it took in

more than £5 million by the end of 1995 and it is understood that cheques continued to roll in through March.

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retain his Forte and Savoy director-

### **UBS** expected to reject merger talks

UNION Bank of Switzerland is today expected to turn down the offer of merger talks with CS Holding, writes Patricia Tehan. The board will meet to consider an approach made by CS Holding, parent of Credit Suisse, last week. A refusal to hold talks could force CS Holding to put the matter directly to UBS stockholders at a meeting planned for next Tuesday. However, analysts said the political difficulties of cutting thousands of jobs from the Swiss retail bank network and regulatory hurdles facing the investment banking operations in Swit-zerland and the US made it less likely that UBS would agree to talk.

financial adviser, dismissed any suggestion that the timing of the sale was influenced by the prospect of Labour forming the next administration. Labour's plans for tougher regulation of the water industry could hit share prices as a general election approaches. The water sale is part of the Government's programme to sell its rump of shares in privatised companies. It hopes to raise E4 billion through asset sales in the 1996/97 tax

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#### BY PAUL DURMAN THE Government yesterday of Railtrack and British raised £76.8 million through Energy. The Government has sold its the sale of its remaining shares in six water companies. Both the Treasury and NM remaining stakes in Anglian Water, Hyder (formerly Welsh Rothschild, the Government's Water), Southern Water, Thames Water, United Utilities and Yorkshire Water. It retains holdings of E25 million in Severn-Trent, Wessex Water, and South West Water - the first two of which are trying to take over the third. The shares were set aside at

flotation to provide a loyalty incentive for small investors to hang on to their shares. After an auction run by

inconvenienced by people seeking to make a quick

Rothschild, the water shares were sold in a "bought deal" to SBC Warburg, which will sell them to institutions. Warburg paid a little above market value.

Pay battle leaves Sir Rocco on board



#### Forte: travelling

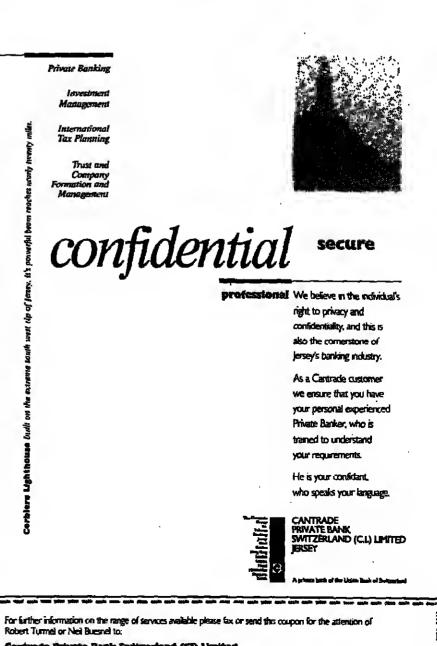
#### BY ERIC REGULY

A DISPUTE over the final pay package and Savoy directorships until his of Sir Rocco Forte has allowed him to departure pay was agreed. Technicaldeparture pay was agreed. Technical-ly, he is still Forte's chairman.

ships three months after the companies Ironically, had Forte survived the takeover bid Sir Rocco would have were acquired by Granada for E3.9 billion, it emerged yesterday. Charles Allen, Granada's chief execrelinquished the post of chairman to make way for Sir Anthony Tennant, utive, said Granada has reached formerly deputy chairman, as pledged settlements with all the Forte directors in the company's takeover defence. except Sir Rocco. "His was a more complicated process," he said. "These Sir Rocco is thought to be asking for redundancy package that reflects his 25 years of employment at Forte, plus his final bonus. Forte directors could things take time and we dealt with earn up to half of their salary in bonus. Sir Rocco, who was travelling yesterday and not available for comment, Sir Rocco's salary and benefits in the made it clear after the takeover that he latest financial year were £332,000. would not voluntarily resign the Forte-Performance-related payments of

£127,000 raised his total pay package to £459,000, up from £320,000 in the previous year. Mr Allen said he expected to reach a settlement with Sir Rocco within a few weeks, after which he will drop his directorships.

Granada's claim that it could squeeze an extra El00 million profits from Forte is "very achievable," Mr Allen said. Combining some Forte and Granada operations is behind some savings. The rationalisation has cut about 100 Forte management jobs, with a similar number yet to go.



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### **26 BUSINESS NEWS**

### THE TIMES THURSDAY APRIL 11 1996

### EU launches \$1.3bn aid for small business

#### FROM A CORRESPONDENT IN BRUSSELS

THE European Union unveiled a \$1.3 billion financial aid package for small businesses yesterday as part of plans to combat the high unemployment that persists across Europe. The aid is part of a plan by Jacques Santer. President of the EU Commission, in increase the jobs created

across Europe. Yves-Thibault de Silguy, the EU's Finance Commissioner, said the

objective was to cr eate 30,000 jobs a year with loan gr jarantees that help small businesser; get credit at lower rates of borrow ring. Priority will be given to comp anies with fewer than 50 employees; M de Silguy said at the launch of the scheme that such firms are essential to employment growth, b,ut often have problems securing adequate financing because banks consider them a relative ly bigh credit risk.

He said the money to cover the aid pack age will come from the Luxem-

bourg-based European Investment Fund. But the plan must first be approved by all 15 member governments of the EU. The European Investment Fund will stand behind 50 per cent of the total value of most loans. For companies investing in crossborder projects involving more than one EU member. 75 per cent of a loan may be covered

M Santer says reducing the Euro-pean Union's II per cent jobless rate is the top priority. He has called a "social summit" of European business and labour leaders this month to seek common ground on how best to get the 18 million unemployed back to work.

M Santer aims to persuade reluctant governments to transfer \$25 billion in surplus Union funds to support labour-intensive public works projects and Industrial research efforts.

Last year, the European Investment Fund used about 12 per cent of \$1.7 billion in loan guarantees for smaller businesses across Europe.

The fund was established in 1994 at a summit of European Union leaders in Edinburgh to promote economic growth.

Its main objective is to support financing for a series of trans-European transport and energy projects. The European Commission has a 30 per cent stake in the fund. About 40 per cent is held by the European Investment Bank, the EU's long-term lending arm. The rest is shared among 70 financial institutions.

### Lang urges Japanese to open up telecoms

#### FROM ROFJERT WHYMANT IN TOKYO

LAN LANG, Presider t of the Board of Trade, yesterday urged Japan to open up its telecommunications rnarket and called for greater urgency in deregulating the uconomy.

Speaking on the second day of a visit to Japan to promote British exports and encourage more Japanese investors to come to Britain. Mr Lang told journalists he would like to see deregulation "go further and faster".

He conveyed a similar message to Ichiro Hino, Post and Telecommunications Minister, Mr Lang welcomed a recent promise in ease restrictions on loreign investment in telecommunications in 1997 and expressed hupe that such reforms would be expanded.

Most British equipment

Managers buy Coal operation BRITISH Coal Enterprise

(BCE) has sold its business funding operation to Coalfield Investments, a management buyout team led by Bill Furness and Gordon Machej.

makers and service providers are excluded from Japan's telecoms market by NTT. the domestic telephone monopoly. Mr Lang believes that only persistent pressure by foreign governments on Japan to deregulate will win access to closed sectors such as teleconis and insurance. Many Japanese business leaders share this view, acknowledging that their government will cut red tape and regulations only if the US and Europe apply strong pressure. In this spirit, the Keidanren.

Japan's equivalent of the Confederation of British Industry. gave Mr Lang a platform to address 150 businessmen on the Brirish experience of deregulation. Mr Lang said that deregulation and a commitment to free and open international markets had transformed Britain's economy. The Japanese were invited to follow Britain's example and overcome the rigidities in their economy. Mr Lang added that "a more deregulated market will encourage British firms to play a more active role in the econonuc success of Japan".

The message makes a change from commercial diplomacy of the past 20 years, when British ministers visiting Tokyo have concentrated all their energies on specific irritants, such as barriers to Scotch whisky, with few visihie results. Evidence of Japan's growing taste for imports came in figures released by the Finance Ministry yesterday. These showed that Japan's current account surplus fell SHARES of Rank, the entertainment and leisure group, rose yesterday after it said nearly 40 per cent in February. to Y745.9 billion (£4.5 billion), from 1.22 trillion yen a trading prospects in this financial year are encouraging. At the company's annual meetyear earlier. "The pace of the fall in the surplus was faster ing, Sir Denys Henderson, chairman, said: "Overall, we than the Government had anticipated," a senior Finance Ministry official said, "Japan's have laid the foundations for a import and industrial strucprofitable expansion in years tures have changed to an unexpected degree." to come." The shares finished at 513p.

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Expansion minded: Sir Denys Henderson, left, and Andrew Teare

### Extra cash found for Maxwell creditors By JON ASHWORTH

CREDITORS of Maxwell Communication Corporation (MCC) are to receive a fourth dividend, of 3.5p in the pound, taking the total paid to 34.5p in the pound, or about £725 million. Price Waterhouse, administrator of MCC, ex-pects the total to settle at between 3Sp and 43p in the pound, ignoring recoveries from pending legal actions.

Actions are outstanding against a range of parties, including Coopers & Lybrand, MCC's auditor, and various private Maxwell companies. Claims against underwriters in connection with a fidelity insurance policy, covering alleged dishonesty by Maxwell employees, have been the subject of a preliminary bearing in London. MCC owed about \$3 billion

to creditors, mainly banks, when it was declared insolvent in 1991. More than \$1 billion has been raised from sales involving the 400 com-panies under MCC.

Mark Homan, senior joint administrator of MCC, said various mopping np activities remained. Funds have been retained in America towards possible liabilities. Provisions against tax are expected to be freed soon, and dividends from subsidiary companies are likely to flow through. Professional fees have

topped \$71 million, about half of that on solicitors and other advisers. A further \$25 milllon has gone on litigation and investigatiog potential law suits for recovery The fourth dividend will be

paid tu creditors on April 18.

### BUSINESS ROUNDUP

### China to buy 30 jets from Airbus

CHINA last night confirmed a £1.5 billion order for 30 A320 passenger jets from Airbus Industrie, the European consortium in which British Aerospace hulds a 20 per cent stake. The order marks a strategic breakthrough in the world's fastest-growing aircraft market, which has previously been dominated by Boeing and McDonnell Douglas of the United States. Airbus calculates that during the next 18 years the Chinese are likely to order 1,320 airliners worth \$100 billion to meet passenger growth of up to 10 per cent a year as the economy takes off.

Li Peng, the Chinese Premier, signed the contract to acquire the 30 aircraft on a visit to Paris. With 150 seats each, flights between Chinese clues. Wings for the aircraft will be made at Chester, while final assembly will take place in Hamburg, Germany. To support its Chinese sales campaign. Airbus, owned jointly by BAe, Acrospatiale of France. Daimler-Benz of Germany and Casa of Spain, has built a \$50 million maintenance centre in Beijing. China also confirmed an order for three long-haul A340 aircraft. At present, Chinese carriers operate just 27 Airbus planes."

### **BAT disposal blocked**

AMERICA'S Federal Trade Commission has rejected a plan by BAT Industries to divest six discount cigarette brands to Lorillard Tobacco Co. a subsidiary of Loews Corp. The FTC expressed concern that Lorillard would not compete aggressively in the discount cigarette market and that it may lead to closure of a cigarette plant in North Carolina. BAT now must find a new buyer for the assets. The FTC has ordered BAT to divest itself of its discount brands, the Reidsville plant and three full-revenue brands.

### German jobless at 4.1m

UNEMPLOYMENT in Germany fell in March, from 11:1 per cent to 10.8 per cent of the active population, although seasonally adjusted figures given by the Federal Labour Office showed a slight rise. The total number looking for work was 4.141 million, conipared to 4.27 million in February. which was a post-war high. In west Germany, the jobless fell 92,300 to 2.868 million. In eastern Germany, it fell by 30,800. to 1.273 million. After correction for seasonal variations, the figures showed a rise in unemployment of 20,000.

### **Crossair flights to soar**

CROSSAIR, the Swiss regional carrier, is planning 124,000 flights during 1490, up 84 per cent on 1995. The Swissair subsidiary said expansion and accompanying efficiency gains are expected to underpin a "significant rise" in 1990 profits. The company yesterday annuunced net profits of Sfi7.5 million (19.52 million) for 1995, up from Sfi6.1 million in 1994. During the first quarter this year, the low-point of the travel season. Crossair lost Sf7.4 million. Moritz Suter, chief executive said this was Sf1.1 million better than expected.

### Signet sale progress

SIGNET GROUP, the lormer Ramers jewellery business. yesterday said plans to sell its Ernest Jones and H Samuel chains were progressing but that no deal was likely to be struck in the immediate future. Signet, which also owns Sterling in America, put its UK jewellery operations up for sale in January. The disposals could realise up to £300 million, which will help to reduce the group's £350 million of debt. This would help profitability as the group is weighed down by hefty interest bills.

estimated that the market for cereal crop fungicides in Germany is worth \$320 million a year, or about 6 per cent of the world market.

AMERICA'S United Airlines is taking legal action against GEC, alleging breach of a E50 million cuntract to supply inflight entertainment equipment to United's Boeing 777 fleet.

US airline sues GEC

The operation was set up in 1984 to help provide funding for businesses in coalfield areas. Its last published accounts, at the end of March last year, show the net book value of its loan portfolio, after provisions, was £10 million. The gross value is around £20 million. It has assisted 5.000 businesses since 1984 and has 2.000 loans outstanding. Coalfield Investments has fi-nancial backing from BancBoston Capital, part of the Bank of Boston.

### **Growth hopes lift Rank**

#### BY ERIC REGULY

up op. Earlier, the company reported a 6 per cent rise in pre-lax profit to £407 million in the year to December 31. Rank has sold a 40 per cent stake in Rank Xerox to Xerox

Corp fur £620 million and has completed the disposal of the Royal Garden, the last of its business hotels, for E66 millinn. It will use the proceeds to invest in the leisure and

NEAR-RECORD levels of

growth in husiness investment

n February were yesterday

hailed as a langible sign of

better economic prospects ahead by the Finance & Leas-

ing Association, which re-

mand for finance in buy plant

and equipment in February

was 63 per cent higher than the same month a year ago. This is the second highest year-on-year increase since

Britain began to pull out of

Martin Hall. the FLA's Di-

rector-General, said: "We are

very encouraged by the latest

set of industry figures. They

confirm the upward trend in

recession in early 1992.

eased its latest figures. The FLA reported that de-

entertainment industries. Andrew Teare, chief executive, plans to expand its British. Spanish and Canadian bingo clubs and open more Oasis Village holiday centres and Hard Rock Cafe restaurants. Rank is also considering listing its shares on the New York Stock Exchange.

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investment hinted at in Janu-

total £600 million.

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**Company spending** 

boost for economy

BY JANET BUSH, ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

#### **US** banks THE agrochemicals division of Zeneca. the pharmaceutitest card to cals and chemicals group, yesterday received approval to sell Amistar, its new fungicide, in Germany. Amistar is to be used to control fungal diseases in cereal crops such oust cash as wheat, barley and rye. It was approved by the German authorities in a relatively short to months. Zeneca

FROM RICHARD THOMSON IN NEW YORK

FOUR of America's biggest financial institutions are combining to introduce smartcards that are designed to replace everyday cash transactinns by using memory chips. Citicorp and Chase Manhaltan. America's two largest banks, are linking with Visa and Mastercard, the two leading credit card groups, to develup and market a smartcard that will eventually be accepted nationwide. The companies say that their alliance is necessary in achieve he critical mass required fur the card to gain general accepance among the public.

ary. At last, the recovery seems to be gathering pace." Demand for finance to buy The partners will lest their card on Manhattan's Upper big ticket items, a category that covers capital projects worth over E5 million, jumped West Side, an affluent middleclass neighbourhood, with 50,000 customers and 500 retailers. If the scheme is by 29t per cent from a year ago to £317 million. Finance for successful, it will be extended other plant and equipment in the New Yurk area with the excluding cars - grew by 24 eventual aim of spreading it per cent from a year ago to across the US.

The experiment mimics a Demand for credit from scheme in the UK, where the consumers was also im-proved. Retail instalment more sophisticated Mondex smartcard has had disap-pointing results in attracting credit reached record highs after a 72 per cent jump to El62 million. Demand for new car residents of Swindon. Smartcards hold huge at

finance was up 5 per cent at tractions for banks, which E307 million. the seventh conwant to cut the huge sums they spend on handling cash.

GEC-Marconi Inflight Systems (GMIS), the GEC subsidiary that was to supply the equipment, said it would be instructing lawyers to defend the proceedings and pursue "appropriate claims on its behalf for the recovery of substantial amounts due from United Airlines". GMIS said United was insisting on the continued use of the GMIS systems already installed. **Record lending at ICG** 

nullion. Clients last year included Wightlink. Meccano. Lloyd's List. Automotive Products and Coal Products. ICO's profits rose in £19.1 million before tax from £18.1 million, lifting earnings to 27.6p a share from £6.3p. There is a final dividend of 9.1p a share, making a total of 13.4p, up from 11.5p previously. The shares rose 1p to 353p.

HEADLAM GROUP, the floorcovering and fabrics distribu-tion company, defied difficult trading conditions to lift pre-tax profits to £7.7 million from £5.8 million in 1995. Earnings were 12.5p a share, rising from 10.1p. There is a final dividend of 3.6p a share. lifting the total to 4.8p from 4p. The shares rose 15p to 248p yesterday. Ian Kirkham, chief executive, said the current year had started well. There were signs of a selective recovery in consumer spending, which created a more booyant feeting among customers.

INTERMEDIATE Capital Group, the provider of mezzanine finance, reported a record year for lending in 1995, with a £33 million increase in the loan book to £210

Headlam advances

Protests expected at special meeting over Abbey takeover Bitter victory awaits N&P

#### BY SARA MCCONNELL

THE 1.4 million members of the National & Provincial Building Society are today expected to vote overwhelmingly in favour of being taken over by Abbey National, the building society turned hank.

But the N&P board, chaired by Lord Shuttlewurth, is bracperson. ing itself for a barrage of criticism from angry members objecting to the lakeover, cither on principle or because branches to warn members they have been excluded from that withdrawing money or bonus payouts which could changing accounts after the total up th £4.750 per member. takeover atmouncement contu The majority of N&P's one exclude them from payouts.

Longstanding members are also anyry that many people who opened accounts in response to takeover speculation this time last year will get a payout while they are excluded.

societies ombudsman, this week promised in press for wider powers to deal with the complaints of excluded members. He has been inundated with complaints from members of the Chellenham & Gloucester, Halifay and Leeds as well as the N&P.

### Zeneca breakthrough

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Shuttleworth: criticism

million savers and 400.000 borrowers who want to vute will already have done so by post. Others are expected at Manchester's 10,000-seat Nynex Centre for the society's special general meeting, many

to register their protest in Complaints made to The Times about the takeover centre on the failure of N&P

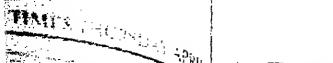
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### THE TIMES THURSDAY APRIL 11 1996

### **BUSINESS NEWS**

### DROGER SALMON'S early departure, an unusual concept in departure, an unusual concept in railway history, does not signal that the rail revolution he has played so great a part in realising, is in trouble. Far from it. Unlikely as it may seem, rail privatisation has built up steam and is on its way cut of the

and is on its way out of the station, travelling with too much momentum for Labour to have the courage to recall it. In a sense, the franchise director's task changed in midstream. At the start, it focused on

#### putting the 25 train operators into the private sector, with the safety factor that Railtrack, their main supplier, stayed in state hands. The priority changed to getting enough services out of British Rail fast enough to underwrite Railtrack's own sale. This task is done.

### Franchising is well behind ministers' desired schedule, but many of the important fran-chises have been agreed or are on the way. By the time the longserving Rothschild director quits the public arena he finds so uncomfortable, new franchising exercises will be suffering from election blight. To get the train moving, Mr

Salmon has had to ladle out largesse from taxpayers in amounts that are likely to prove embarrassing in retrospect. He has also had to make life easier for train operators to keep the

### Salmon leaps

□ Rail privatisation still on track □ No ifs and buts over ERM □ Wall Street quote for Rank?

subsidies within some bounds. Mr Salmon so temperamentally This meant persuading the rail out of sympathy, that Labour aims to abolish his post and hand what is left back to the regulator to abandon com-petition, which was originally one of the lynchpins of rail rump of British Rail. That makes reform. It also meant taking so Opraf a ship worth jumping generous a view of minimum service that the courts inter-

even if its job is nearing port. Even if Mr Salmon had stayed, it would have been many years before taxpayers could work out whether he did a good job. Certainly not until the first contracts have been worked out. an average of more than seven years after they were let. At this stage, it is a fair guess that taxpayers will not be the winners. Nothing in Labour's plans is likely to change that.

### Gentlemen are

### wary of Verona

hidden that there is no way of knowing what a reasonable sub-sidy might be. So the franchise director had to rely on there being competing bids and that meant being financially friendly and generous to potential bidden EUROS are going soft even before they are issued. When EU finance ministers gather in Ve-rona today, they will find that the As a merchant banker dedicated to striking deals. Mr Salmon became a bete noir for Labour. An incoming Labour government can live with the argument has changed radically since it became clear that the Whitehall-honed subtleties of European currency would be John Swift, the rail regulataor. But the franchise directorate is so

anything but single. Italians and Belgians still rely on being counted in at the door.



whatever the rules say, and who can be sure they are wrong. Brussels, Paris and Berlin are now assuming, however, that the Euro will start as a minority EU currency. The psychological shift this produces is only now beginning to show up. The City of London used to be afraid that sterling would be left out and marginalised. No more. Instead, founding euro-users are afraid. They will lose national flexibility but may gain relatively little in exchange. French, German and Dutch

businesses are afraid less of each other than of Italian, British or non-EU rivals. Hence the pressure to corral Kenneth Clarke and the rest into a new exchange-rate mechanism under the

suzereinty of the European cen-tral bank where they could be legally obliged to obey "single" currency rules. Outsiders would be crazy to agree, unless they see themselves simply as cadet members of the euro bloc.

The fewer countries convert to the euro, the more it is likely to be like an ersatz mark, to the continuing discomfort of France, but the relief of business in Italy, Spain et al, which suffered mark strength until 1993. If weaker brethren were inside, the euro would be weaker and comfortable to the French and Benelux economies. But this would not apply if Latin currencies were stuck in the outer circle.

If the euro is narrowly-based, however, it may also be distorted by use as a parallel currency in non-member states. This would present the European central bank with money management problems much bigger than the Bundesbank encountered as the mark became international.

Perhaps Nigel Lawson's dream that sterling could com-pete successfully with the mark would then become realistic. Being flexible could earn lower

interest rates, not just be a device to keep industry competitive. No wonder Verona is famed for obscure plots.

### Gifford gives up

the gong

RANK'S annual meeting, pre-sided over by Sir Denys Henderson, former chairman of ICI, marked the end of Michael Gifford's 12-year reign as chief executive. Gifford's style was to duck the limelight on the basis that Rank's results should speak for themselves; an attitude that went down well with City institu-

tions which account for an extraordinarily high 96 per cent of Rank's equity. In the space of six years, Gifford, determined to refocus Rank, sold some £400 million worth of businesses, represent-ing 70 per cent of the asset base. Acquisitions between 1986 and 1990 amounted to some £1.3 billion, culminating in the £900 million purchase of Mecca in 1990. Some £140 million was expended on video duplication and film laboratory operations

in the US, niche operations in which Rank, dominant in UK which Rank, dominant in UK cinemas, holidays and bingo, has also emerged as market leader. During Gifford's reign, pre-tax profits rose from £69 million to £407 million, on turnover up from £743 million to £2.3 billion. Market capitalisa-tion has antiv risen more than tion has, aptly, risen more than 12 times to £4.2 billion.

Gifford is succeeded by Andrew Teare, the former chief executive of English China Clays. Expansion is under way on both sides of the Atlantic, courtesy of the £620 million raised last year from the sale of the 40 per cent stake in Rank Xerox. Rank's ambitious association with Universal Studios Florida could well signal a Wall Street quote. Little more than 6 per cent of Rank's stock is currently held in the US.

Waiting for the tip

TTS an ill wind. Sir Rocco remains chairman of Forte plc solely because Granada won its takeover bid. If the Forte family had won, the former chairman and chief executive was pledged to vacate the chair in favour of Anthony Tennant. As it is, he is staying in his seat until Granada has agreed the cheque. Sir Rocco. of all people, will surely not be put off if the waiters put the chairs on the tables around him,

Redland

close to

**Braas deal** 

BY PAUL DURMAN

REDLAND, the building ma-terials group, is close to a deal on the restructuring of its European roof tiling business.

The company plans to combine its tiling interests in the United Kingdom, France, Be-

nelux and Spain into Braas,

the German tile maker in

which Redland holds a 51 per

cent stake. An agreement with

Braas family shareholders is

Redland is thought to want

expected within the month.

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JEFFERSON SMURFIT, the

Irish packaging group, gave warning of weak demand for some of its products and a

threat from increasing paper

supplies from the United

States as it reported a record

pre-tax profit of lr1420 mil-

lion, a 250 per cent increase

Smurfit shares were un-moved by the profits which

Dermot Smurfit, deputy chair-

man, described as an out-

standing and "an all-time high

for an Irish company." How-

ever, signs of a price squeeze

from destocking and oversup-

MOSS BROS shares rose 36p to a five-year high of 795p after the specialist menswear retail-

er reported a better than ex-

pected profits and a 50 per cent

increase in the annual dividend.

cent from £7.4 million to a

record £11.3 million in the year

to January 27, on the back of a

23 per cent rise in sales to £87.5

Stripping out the benefits of

the 22 new stores opened

during the year, like-for-like

sales rose 9 per cent. The

million.

Pre-tax profits rose 53 per

over the result in 1994.

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from new investment.

Moss Bros at five-year high

BY SARAH BAGNALL

specialist menswear group

ended the year with 128 shops.

of which 54 traded under the

Savoy Taylors Guild banner,

57 as the Suit Company and

director, said that the group

planned to open up to 50 new

stores over the next three

years, as well as expanding

existing sites. Capital expen-

diture is expected to fall from

£7.5 million to £5 million in the

The group ended the year

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By now, it is hard to remember

when nobody wanted a rail franchise. But that was only 18

months ago. Had that persisted,

Mr Salmon's job would have been impossible. As he admits,

the structure has changed so

much that there is no way of

anathema to the Opposition, and

bidders.

new instructions to match.

### **Yule Catto** payout rises 14% BY PAUL DURMAN

YULE CATTO, the speciality chemicals group, has maintained its strong track record by lifting annual pre-tax profits by 16 per cent to £33.1 million.

Lord Catto, chairman, was optimistic about this year's prospects: "With the usual vigilance on costs and the sustained motivation of our employees, we expect once more to drive higher profits from our operations."

He said the group had done well to overcome widely fluctuating raw material prices. Many of its chemical companies still managed to increase their market share.

Alpha fears over Granada stake sale By MARIANNE CURPHEY

Stuart Siddal, Alpha's pre-tax profit of £20.6 million, for the 12 months to January 31, 1994-95.

Turnover was up 16 per cent to £552.9 million after acquisitions which included DynAir, the US aviation services group, in August last year. DynAir's six-month contribution helped to offset costs in the US and France.

to raise its stake in Braas to 60 In the UK, despite increases in activity and passenger numbers, some of Alpha's clients reduced their spending per cent, the maximum the Braas family will allow. Braas will become Europe's largest tiling business, with annual on passenger catering, which

affected profit margins. Earnings per share were down slightly in 1994-95 m 9.25p from 10.3p, but the total

disappointed the City, which had been expecting figures closer to the £21.4 million of

sales of £1.3 billion. Redland is also close to selling its UK brick-making

ALPHA AIRPORTS, the inflight catering and retail group in which Granada has a 25 per cent stake, said yesterday it was keen to remain an independent company but that a takeover was "an outstand-

ing possibility". Richard Gold, Alpha's fi-nance director, said: "It is an open secret that Granada wants to sell its stake and has appointed Lazards as an adviser. Although we have had no formal talks with Granada, we expect to hear from them in

"Our preference is to re-main independent, but with a 25 per cent stake available in the open marketplace we realise there is an opportunity for a strategic buyer. That could not take place without the agreement of the Alpha board." Mr Gold is to retire next

month and will be replaced by

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Dermot Smurfit, left, and Gerry Fagan, finance director, are aware that destocking and oversupply are worrying analysis

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### Smurfit gives a warning as profits leap by 250%

#### BY CARL MORTISHEL

ply of linerboard are leading City packaging analysis to until demand catches up with the new higher capacity of our forecast a fall in the company's industry.' Mr Smurfit said that cheap American kraft-Last year, earnings in-creased 233 per cent to 28p and liner - linerboard made from virgin pulp -- was being the dividend for the year is 4p, up 50 per cent on 1994. The dumped in southern Europe,

depressing prices. He said that a shutdown by company is proposing a scrip dividend alternative. some producers for a month Smurfit gave warning that would remove the stock buildup but he said his company the build-up of inventories was being worsened by weak was not predicting a strong demand for corrugated con-

pick-up". Smurfit's profits for 1995 tainers and increasing supply benefited from a full year The company said: "We are contribution from Cellulose in for a period of weak pricing du Pin, the French company

with cash balances of E20.3

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12p. The dividend, due May

currently constituted."

from 27.83p last time.

acquired for Ir 684 million in 1994, and price increases. In June, the company bought Les Papeteries du Limousin and a stake in Munksjó, a Swedish pulp and paper company.

Aside from acquisitions, Smurfit spent IrE147 million on the business last year but Mr Smurfit said capital expenditure would fall in the current year "south of Ir ElOO million." Profit in mainland Europe rose from IrE34 million to Irf195 million last year,

thanks to the Cellulose deal, while sharp increases in prices helped Smurfit's paper recla-mation plants and mills. Later in the year, prices fell and customers delayed orders. causing downtime in the mills. In the US, profits grew from IrE13 million to IrE146 million but waste paper prices were volatile and Smurfit shut down its mills to reduce excessive inventories

million. Mr Gee would not Mr Smurfit said the com-Moss Bros bid for Austin Reed pany had no intention of beyond saying: "We have solitting the roles of chairman and chief executive, currently plenty to do as the business is both occupied by Michael Smurfit. "We think it is right The final dividend was lifted from 9p to 13p, making a total that they are combined," he for the year of 18p. up from said but indicated the company is appointing a chief 31, is being paid out of earnings of 42.5p a share, up operating officer. It is expected the candidate will emerge from within the company.

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Rentokil set to raise BET offer

#### RENTOKIL is today expected to raise its bid for BET, the business services group, by 10p to 25p a share in an effort win its hostile takeover battle.

Rentokil has until Friday to raise its £1.9 billion offer, but analysts said it probably would move earlier to give it more time to complete the underwriting. The company has offered nine new Rentokil shares plus £8 in cash for every 20 BET shares. At yesterday's prices -----Rentokil was off 5p to 363p

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while BET lost 2p to 2072pthe bid values BET shares at about 202p.

Some institutional shareholders are expecting a tight fight if Rentokil opts to raise its bid by only 10p or 15p. Said one. That would not be enough for us. If they pitch it that low, there would be a genuine question of whether it would be accepted."

The shareholder said he valued BET at 225p to 250p a share. BET's share price, however, indicates that investors do not expect the new bid

to be pitched within that range In its defence, BET forecast a 28 per cent rise in full-year

profits to £142 million before tax, and committed to raise its dividend by 27.5 per cent to 5.1p. It also predicted a 10 per cent rise in group turnover to £1.94 billion.

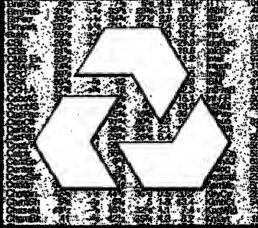
John Clark, chief executive of BET. has said that the offer seems to be a desperate attempt by Rentokil to use BET's superior growth to maintain its own targets at BET shareholders' expense."

Yule Catto is paying a final dividend of 4.8p, raising the total by 14 per cent to Sp a share.

dividend rises to 5p from 4.6p, with a final 3.25p.

business, with the venture capitalist CINVen and Wienerberger, the Austrian brick company, regarded as Tempus. page 28 the favourites to buy.

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### PHILIP PANGALOS COMPANIES **CBI** survey helps shares resume an upward path

TAKEOVER talk and hopes of a return of the "feel-good" factor allowed shares to resume their upward path. A relatively upbeat CBI Distrib-utive Trades Survey saw the FT-SE 100 index come within nearly six points of its all-time closing high of 3,781.3, achieved on February 2.

The CBI survey showed a more moderate rate of growth in spite of six successive yearon-year increases in retail sales, though annual retail sales are expected to strengthen next month.

Sentiment was also boosted by firmer bonds and Tuesday's mortgage rate cuts by the Nationwide and Yorkshire Building Societies. There was also persistent bid specula-tion, with a number of takeover stories and intensifying rumours about the Bristol 8 West Building Society, which recently appointed Morgan Stanley and Rothschild, the merchant banks, as advisers. The early gains faded but a

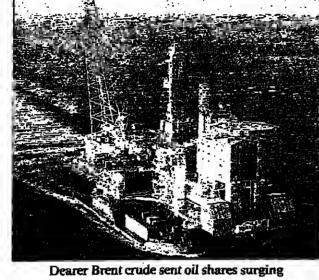
steady start on Wall Street. after Tuesday's overnight retreat, helped reinforce sentiment in late London trading. The FT-SE 100 index ended 8.8 points higher at 3,767.4. Vol-ume, boosted by a reported BZW buy program, reached 797.3 million shares.

Consumer sectors set the trend, with stores, breweries and building-related shares among the best performers.

Brewers got a boost from Cazenove, the stockbroker, which was said to be particularly positive on Grand Metropolitan, up 4p at 426p. Guinness added 1p to 461p. Matthew Clark 10p to 738p. Greene King 8p to 652p. Whitbread 11p to 706p, Vaux 7p to 284p and Scottish & Newcastle 8p to 657p.

482p,

Among building-related stocks, Wolseley jumped 15p to 454p, RMC 20p to £10.22, Pilkingtoo 6p to 212p, Blue Circle 5p to 355p and George Wimpey 4p to 144p. Among retailers. Marks & Spencer rose 9'2p to 436'2p, Kingfisher lip to 582p and Moss Bros 36p to 795p after a good set of results.



563p, Southern, where 1.2 million shares were unloaded, merger talks between UBS and Crédit Suisse, the two Swiss finance houses. This eased 2p to 739p, Yorkshire. focused renewed speculative where 1.5 million were sold. lost 7p to 679p, United Utili-ties, where 2.7 million changed hands, fell 5p to 585p interest on domestic takeover favourites including Royal Bank of Scotland, up 13p to 504p, Standard Chartered, and Hyder (Welsh), where 13p higher at 650p. and Mer-900,000 shares were sold, cury Asset Management, eased 2p to 741p. Elsewhere, shares in 28½ p stronger at 916p. Mirror Group rose 12p to Cortecs International, the

There was renewed talk of a possible bid for Alvis, the defence equipment maker. The shares rose 5p to 168p, on volume of 5.51 million. capitalising Alvis at about £94 million. The favourite to launch a bid for Alvis is GKN, up 8p at 979p. though Vosper Thorneycroft, up 1p to 828p, has also been mentiooed.

232p. on volume of 13.6 million biotechnology and medical dishares, lifted by late rumours agnostics group, continued to of a bid from Carlton, up 6p to defy gravity, surging to 323p, before ending 23p higher at The water sector was a dull 310p. The latest rise for the shares, which have virtually market after the Government sold its remaining shares in doubled since the start of the year and have risen more than six of the water companies to SBC Warburg. Anglian. seven-fold in the past year. where 2.6 million shares were was driven by news of successsold, dipped 9p to 584p, Thames, where 3.5 million shares were sold, fell 15p to ful clinical trials for the company's osteoporosis drug. Headlam, the distributor of



arpets and curtains, jumped 15p to 248p after reporting a 33 per cent rise in profits, while bumper profits and scrip proposals belped Sentry Farming surge 44p to 218p.

Granada, which has enloved a strong run, eased lp to 793p after the company said it is increasingly confident of its ability to deliver its £100 million profit improvement plan at Forte. Rank Organisation gained 6p to 513p after telling its annual meeting that trading in the first quarter of the current year has been "satisfactory" in spite of the effects on its bingo business of the National Lottery. Rank said current year prospects are encouraging. Vickers firmed 4p to 360p

after strong sales in the US and Middle East helped it to a 12 per cent rise in worldwide sales of Rolls-Royce motor cars to 396 units in the first quarter of 1996.

Racal Electronics eased 2p to 330p after a modest profit downgrade from ABN Amro Hoare Govett. Ruberoid, a specialist in

waterproofing and protective coatings, slid Sp to 139p after accompanying a modest dipin full-year profits with a warning that the prolonged period of cold weather in Europe at the start of 1996 may prevent first half profits from matchlast year's stronger ing showing.

British Steel dipped 2p to 1935 p in the wake of a minor forecast downgrade by Société Générale Strauss Turnbull. FI Group, the computer software services supplier, made a sparkling debut on its first day's dealings, surging to close at 300p, compared with a placing price of 235p. Volume amounted to 4.31 million shares.

GILT-EDGED: Gilts had another quiet day, but enjoyed modest gains after a firm start on the back of US figures and a slightly encouraging CBI Distributive Trades Survey, which suggested that the rate of growth is slowing. The June series of the long gilt future climbed 6 ticks to £1051532, on ume of 35,000 contrat

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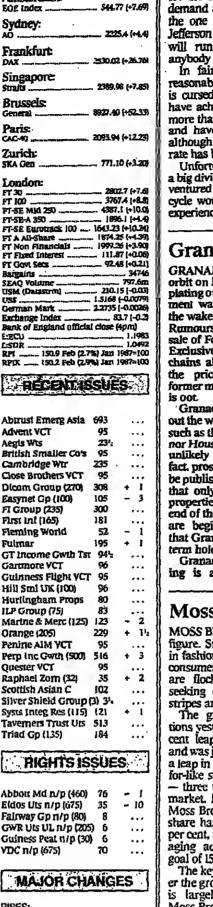
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IN the midst of volatile prices, see sawing demand and the threat of foreign dumping. the one thing that can be relied upon at Jefferson Smurfit is that people called Smurfit will run the company. No matter what anybody else thinks about it.

In fairness, the Smurfits have done a reasonably good job of it. In an industry that is cursed with a boom-and-bust cycle they have achieved compound annual growth of more than 20 per cent over the past 30 years and have not failed to pay a dividend -although some would claim that the payout rate has been miserly in the past.

Unfortunately, there is not much chance of a big dividend rise this year. A year ago, some ventured the hope that this time the paper cycle would be smoother than the previous experience of rocketing prices followed by

#### Granada

GRANADA shares shot into orbit on hopes that the goldplating on the Forte management was to be stripped in the wake of last winter's bid. Remours that an imminent sale of Forte's Meridien and Exclusive luxury hote chains also helped to boost the price, but while the former may be true. the latter

Granada has quietly put out the word that posh hotels such as the Waldorf, Grosve-nor House and the Savoy are unlikely to be sold soon. In fact, prospectuses have yet to be published. It now appears that only a handful of the properties will be shed by the end of the year and rumours are beginning to circulate that Granada will be a longterm holder of the rest.

Granada insists that nothing is amiss, and that it

#### Moss Bros

MOSS BROS is cutting a fine figure. Smart suits are back in fashion and in defiance of consumer gloom, young men are flocking to the shops seeking dark flannels, pinstripes and formal gear. The group beat expectations yesterday with a 53 per cent leap in pre-tax profits and was justly rewarded with a leap in its share price. Likefor-like sales rose 9 per cent - three times as fast as the

market. in the case of suits, Moss Bros claims its market share has risen from 7 to 9 per cent, marking an encouraging advance towards its goal of 15 per cent.

The key question is wheth-

Surfing with Smurfits crashes. Yet, the evidence of recent months

suggests the process is accelerating. While European producers have resisted the temptation to build up capacity, the sameis not true in America, where investment inrecycled linerboard is eroding the market for Kraftliner, made from virgin pulp. As a result prices have plunged and American product is being dumped below cost in southern Europe, hurting Smurfit's margins.

The outlook is grim in the short term with earnings likely to fall by a third this year. Even so. Smurfit's generous dividend cover would allow it to increase the payout. But the margin squeeze will hurt cash flow and Smurfit may prefer to pile up its profits in the hope that a downturn will flush out a good acquisition opportunity. Potential investors should, likewise, save their pennies.

their bid strategies. Granada would risk a fire-sale if it sets needs to shed the hotels in a deadline for selling the order to repay nearly £4. properties. While that is senbillion of debt taken on to sible, it is also clear that buy Forte. Running hotels bidders are not breaking and catering operations in down Granada's door. Were dozens of far-flung countries we in a seller's market, deals is a management distraction that it can ill afford. Unless a would already have been announced and Granada's bosses would be trumpeting hotel sale is announced soon. Granada shares could begin to the world that their selling skills are as finely tuned as to show the strain.

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stores in the next three years. together with a continued tight control on costs, should enable Moss Bros to fit a lot more young men into suits and make a profit. Gross margins, having risen 5 per cent in the past five years, now stand at 51 per cent and, despite the expansion plans, are not expected to fall. The shares are trading on about 16 times prospective earnings, leaving room for

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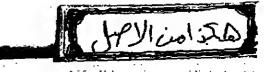
improvement. Alpha Airports A YEAR of fierce competition and the effect of a minor spending spree has left Alpha Airports heavily geared and ces.

fered by LSG SkyChef, the market leader in the US. As scheduled airlines desert Orly airport for Charles de Gaulle, both Alpha's New York and its Paris flight kitchens are running with excess capacity and losing money. A full restructuring of the catering operations is underway but Alpha admits that it will be 1997 before lower costs and expansion in the ground and retail services begin to pay off.

Investors who supported last year's £16.8 million share issue at 120p to help buy DynAir, the US baggage handling business, are still feeling the pain. The best hope for investors is that a predator will buy up Grana-25 per

Oil shares jumped after the Brent crude price surged through the \$21 a barrel level, reaching a 45-month high for front-month Brent BP rose 6½ p to 586p on volume of 20 million shares. Shell 7p to 878p. Enterprise 5p to 450p and Cairn Energy 4p to 248p. Banks were also in the spotlight, stimulated by the	Among conventional stocks. 5-year issues added £ <sup>1</sup> / <sub>8</sub> , while gains stretched to £ <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> among longer-dated stocks and index- linked advanced about £ <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> . $\square$ NEW YORK: US Indust- rials felt the pull of gravity again. At midday the Dow Jones industrial average was down 2.53 points at 5.557.88. <b>MANON CONSTRUCTION CONSTRUCTS</b> <b>MARION CONSTRUCTS</b> <b>RISES:</b> Cottecs	er the group's proint recovery is largely over. However, Moss Bros has a long way to go; with sales of just £57.5 million. the firm is a minnow in a mens' clothing market, worth £4 billion. The com- pany has no shortage of cash to fund expansion with £20.3 million in the bank. Plans to	low in cash resources. Air- lines have been cost-cutting and catering is one of the first areas to be cut back. Alpha is still smarting from the loss of its £7.5 mil- lion British Airways flight ca- tering contract at JFK airport. The company was unable to match the deal of-
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## Windfalls debate disguises risk to manufacturing jobs

JANET BUSH

ECONOMIC VIEW

### Stamp of

POSTAGE rates were raised by 10 per cent in Germany yesterday, less than a month before the German Post Office's court case against Citibank The Bonn Post Office

is claiming £1.56 million In excess postage against Citibank, which routinely mails credit card bills to German customers from its European accounts centre in Holland, where

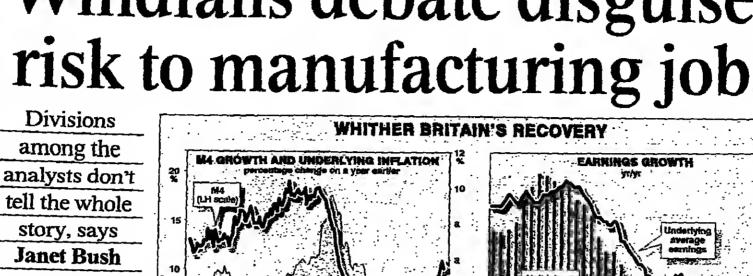
rates are at least 20 per cent lower. Although it is illegal for a German organisation to mail letters to Germans from outside the country, Citibank could well win the im-

pending case. Backed by the Dutch Post Office, Citibank is arguing that it re-mails from Holland because its 24-hour service is far superior, not because it is cheaper than its German counterpart.

### Strike a light

THE ruthless strategy be-hind the Headlam Group's annual results is out, When Ian "cost cutting" Kirkham, chief executive of the floor-covering distributors, acquired one of a number of small companies in November last year, he also took on 15 local salesmen, who insisted on coming into the office every Friday to write up their reports. Kirkham. however, wanted the salesmen out of the office and

on the road. Unbeknown to them, he stacked up their desks and struck a match to the pile on Bonfire Night. . .



he undisguised munucontempt that crupted recently between two of Britain's best-known monetarist economists has been a welcome piece of vaudeville for analysts discontented with this year's interminable winter.

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Last month, Professor Pat-rick Minford accused fellow advisers to the Chancellor of counselling caution - which he thinks amounts to political suicide. He called for another 2 per cent off base rates or even better - for Kenneth Clarke to resign and make way for someone Professor Minford thinks more sensible. That provoked Professor Tim Congdon into apoplexy. He called Professor Minford a menace and a dangerous

reflationist and said that it was impossible to have a proper argument with him. Beyond the insults is a

genuinely cavernous gap in economic perception, which can be replicated across the City. One side of the argument is the view that strong consumer spending will power the economy to healthy growth this year, that the inflation target may be under threat and that interest rates need to be raised. gies see the biggest positive

Professor Congdon is in this effect from windfalls, predictcamp. In his submission to ing that they will add 0.6 per this week's report to the Chancent to consumption this year and 1.1 per cent next year. cellor by his independent forecasting panel. he argues at Professor Congdon sees 0.6 length that M4 money supply per cent this year but only currently growing at around around 0.4 per cent in 1997. 10 per cent year-on-year can-not be reconciled with inflation of 2.5 per cent or less, and that the rate of money growth will have to be reduced to 5 per cent if the target is to be hit. He argues that there is already, or could soon be, a good case for raising interest rates. The other camp believes consumer spending will grow, but not dramatically; that the weakness of manufacturing will drag the whole economy lower; and that lower rates are needed to balster growth. Professor Minford is in this camp (his call for 2 per cent off rates is so singular one assumes that he is holed up in a oneman bivouac). He believes that the current stagnation in manufacturing, as firms totter under the weight of huge involuntary stockpiles, could turn into something a lot nastier if interest rates are not Cut One of the apparently unreconcilable points of difference is in interpreting the potential impact on consumer spending of various windfalls in the pipeline - maturing Tessas, bonuses paid out by merging banks and building sumption: Mr Warburton

points out that additions to liquid savings swamped net disposals of securities. Why panel disagrees on this point, should we then believe that course. Cavyn Davies of people are any more likely to spend available cash this year Goldman Sachs and Bridget Rosewell of Business Stratethan last?

It is worth noting that despite all this contention, only one independent forecaster of the 43 monitored every month by the Treasury is more optimistic on consumer spending growth than the Chancel-

disingenuous to believe that consumers will march on regardless of the doldrums in industry. As he puts it: "Consumers are simply producers going shopping and bankrupt producers do not make for voracious shoppers." The simple point he is making is that companies stuck with huge stocks and failing demand in key home and export markets are likely to be on the verge of a new round of job-shedd

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**CORPORATE FINANCES** 

#### low levels, these dividend payments provided a useful boost to disposable income last year. But with companies now in deficit, such a bonanza is most unlikely this year. Job losses

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are more likely. The glass half-full brigade talk about building society windfalls: their glass half-empty colleagues point to the risks of hard-pressed manufacturers shedding labour. But a recent Times re bring a useful perspective to both these views. He wrote: "Cheltenham & Gloucester was taken over by Lloyds Bank. This has indeed resulted in large credits appearing in people's investment accounts ... I myself was made redundant, along with many others, from one of the constit-uent parts of C&G a year or so earlier, in what I now see as a downsizing to make the society more attractive to any predators." Such a commercial equation does not allow unadulterated optimism.

#### ANALYSIS 29

### climb for Swiss merger Patricia Tehan on the overtures

A mountain to

made to UBS by Credit Suisse

there is absolutely no financial need for Union Bank of Switzerland and CS Holding, parent of the Credit Suiss bank, to merge. As, respectively, the biggest and the second-biggest banks in their domestic markets, and having huge international investment banking operations, both are big enough and strong enough to continue quite happily as they are for some time. However, in a cleverly worded statement on Tuesday, CS Holding set the merger ball rolling by setting out, for public consumption, all the reasons for its decision to push its bigger rival into holding talks.

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prompted by his battle with UBS's board over implementation of a scheme to unify its share structure. However, analysts say that, by denying its plans to back Mr Ebner, CS Holding was placing over the UBS directors the threat of

switching its support. CS also made clear in its statement that it wanted the UBS directors to put the matter to shareholders, saying that, in their telephone conversation, the two chairmen had agreed "that a decision of such importance had to be made not by them. but by the shareholders". Peter Thorne, banking an

alyst with Paribas, said: "CS Holdiog is pushing the issue Although there is no obvi-ous need for a merger, there and has been very aggres sive over the last few years. is, superficially at least, clear UBS has been stalwart in logic for the two to get tonot changing itself in Swit-zerland." To merge or not to merge, he said, "is a very gether. Switzerland has too many banks and too many difficult thing to call". high street branches, and the banks face emerging compet-Research issued yesterday ition from telephone bankby Datamonitor, the consulting. They must make huge inancy, suggested Switzerland's tments to stay competitive. institutions "are as There is a widely acknowlvulnerable as any to the onedged need for consolidation going problems faced by the international banking com 6 To merge or munity. The real

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hindsight, according to John Leonard, banking analyst vith Salomon Brothers in London, the deal came too early and was too expensive.

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Now the bank is active be SFr2 billion (E1.08 bilagain. Apparently reluctantlion). though he said it ly. CS Holding had been would take three or four forced to issue a statement years to get there. There is after reports of a confidenalso doubt about whether tial telephone conversation the Swiss authorities would last week between Rainer let the banks suffer the pain Gut, its chairman, and of up to 15,000 job cuts to Nikolaus Senn, chairman of UBS, leaked to Zurich's Tages Anzeiger newspaper. In the statem cleverly denied rumours that it was planning to rock the replacement of Dr Senn as chairman of UBS by Robert Studer, an executive. It had been whispered that CS Holding would back Martin Ebner's BK Vision, the investment fund that is UBS's largest shareholder, in plans to oppose Mr Studer's nominatioo at a shareholder meeting next Tuesday. Mr Ebner's opposition to the nomination of Mr Studer and other directors was thanks," he said.

achieve the savings. Tonight will see whether UBS can be bounced into opportunistic rival. Given the difficulties involved in putting together the Swiss retail network, the likely loss of clients when investment banking operations are put together, the regulatory and monopoly issues in Switzerland and the US and the very different management cultures of the two, Mr Leonard said he has little doubt about the verdict from the UBS board tonight. "I expect a polite thanks but no

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#### New life

DICK BARFIELD, 49, is going it alone at the end of June, when John Thomson replaces him as chief investment manager at Stan-dard Life. Barfield, who joined the company in 1970 as an actuarial student and was appointed a director of the Stock Exchange in 1995, will be making the most of his knowledge of financial markets and companies in an advisory capacity from home. Now is the time to take to the hills and heather, says Barfield; who curently lives with his wife and two cats ten miles outside the city of Edinburgh. "We are also looking to get a new dog." he Says.

#### Nigerian scam

THE latest in a series of "scam letters" from Nigeria tells the pitiful tale of one Ambrose Ornoh, who stole \$75.5 million by overstating a government contract. To get the money out the country, he is promising a 100 per cent guarantee to investors who surrender their headed notepaper and quote their bank account number. It goes on: "I quite believe that you will protect our interest by taking this deal strictly confidential, as we are still in government services, which we intend to retire from peacefully at the end of this deal."

WHILE men dream of a tudy of their own, women fust after a designer kitchen, according to a survey by estate agents Knight Frank When looking for property, women sniff out an Aga and men head straight for the billiard FOO/IL 

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Professor Minford boldly sees no impact. Indeed, in his submission to the Chancellor he even suggests an ulterior motive: "I suspect that the weakness of the bonanza argument is secretly understood by its proponents but that it is produced as one of a series of fig leafs for the unshakeable prejudice that we must keep on hammering inflation until it is really, really dead." Perhaps it's worth bringing in another monetarist to in-

form this debate. Peter Warburton of Robert Fleming Securities firmly believes that. if Mr Clarke is counting on windfalls to propel consumer spending 3.5 per cent higher, he is whistling in the dark. He notes, for example, that there were phenomenal opportunities for financing additional spending last year. Individuals accumulated gilts, PEPs and unit trusts but parted with about £20 billion in shares (a lot of them in privatised utilities subject to takeover bids). All in all, individuals liquidated a net £13 billion in securities but none of this huge divestment spilled into conlor's 3.5 per cent. The other 42 are all lower and the average is 3 per cent. So, even if Professors Minford and Congdon were to agree on this point, they still wouldn't share the Chancellor's optimism. The debate on windfalls will

run and run. But there is another point to make in the current, broader debate on the economy's prospects. Every-one has noted that there is a huge gap between the strength of consumption and the weakness of manufacturing industry and that the two are entirely separate. The assumption seems to be that the economy will be OK even if manufacturing splutters along with no growth because the mighty British consumer will come to the rescue. Many economists pointed to a healthy rise in the output of consumer goods in February's industrial production figures as a sign that everything will be all right once manufacturers have got rid of excess stocks. But the truth is that durable consumer goods account for only 6 per cent of total manufacturing output. Ian Shepherdson of HSBC Markets believes that it is

ing sector shed 27,000 jobs, the biggest single monthly clearout for three years. Mr Shepherdson said he would not be surprised to see 100,000 manufacturing jobs lost this year and that his firm's forecast for 5 per cent base rates at the end of this year "looks more like a necessary condition for decent growth in consumption and the economy as a whole than a recipe for an inflationary boomlet".

The most recent purchasing managers' survey appears to back this view of weaker employment prospects, with its employment index falling for the third month. This has proved quite a good indicator

of actual employment. The other strand of this argument - negative in its implications for the path of the economy this year - is that companies are no longer flush with cash. In the fourth quarter, industrial and commercial companies posted a deficit of £624 million, the first minus balance since the first quarter of 1993. One of the reasons was the 33.7 per cent increase in dividend payments. With average earnings growth still at

Jonathan Prynn on a sudden departure at Opraf

### Brief encounter on the railway

The sudden departure of Roger Salmon, the mercurial and temperamental head of Opraf, the Government's passenger rail privatisation agency, brings to an end a brief but extraordinary career in public service.

Mr Salmon was appointed to the £130,000 a year position in January 1993 and given one of the most sensitive and politically charged jobs within the gift of Government. A banker with a first-class mathematics degree from Cambridge with little or no experience in public relations was not the most obvious choice for such a high profile role. But he was well known to ministers and respected for his impressive problem-solving intellect. However, it was clear from day one that the man responsible for selling off the railways had failed to grasp the scale of the political difficulties of the task ahead of hiro. Assailed on all sides. Mr Salmon quickly gained a reputation in government as an unsafe pair of hands. His early press conferences were often hijacked by Brian Mawhinney, the then Transport Secretary and his minders from Marsham Street

Mr Salmon, who is keen practitioner of Vipassana, a form of Bhuddist meditation, was noticeably uncomfortable dealing with the media and is said not to have enjoyed having to "sell" the privatisation policy for the Government. Although a believer in the system, he studiously sidestepped questions about his personal1

Salmon: keen meditator

this left the impression that his heart was not fully behind the selloff.

He also rarely gave interviews on the main opinion forming programmes, such as BBC Radio 4's Today programme and BBC TV's Newsnight, despite the political furore that was cruptiong about his cars. While admired for his powers of delegation, he was rarely seen publicly defending his allocation of hundreds of millions of pounds of public money. ....

The nadir of his three-year term in office was during the months surrounding Christmas last year, the time when the views on the ideology behind it. At times first franchises were being sold. What

should have been his moment of triumph decended into farce when the first sales were twice blocked by court actions and the sale of LTS Rail had to be suspended amid allegations of ticket fraud.

Collegues close to Mr Salmon say that he came near to resigning at that time and even after being persuaded to stay decided that he would make way for a successor within months. However, since the low point, Mr Salmon's fortunes and his reputation have begun to recover. Two franchises are now succesfully up and running in the private sector and three more will have been sold by the end of the month. With a following wind, all but a tiny handful of franchises will have been sold by next Spring. Mr Salmon feels he has done his job

and that it is safe for him to return to the scholarly anonymity of the world of finance. He leaves a half finished privatisation and an organisation that it almost certain to be abolished if Labour gets in at the election. Close colleagues says he believes he is leaving on a high, with his place in privatisation history assured. A less charitable view is that he has left a fractured industry that will take years to recover from the damage he has inflicted on it.

But with Labour unliklely to reverse the franchising process, his legacy is likely to be as long lasting, although hopefully more benign, than that other great bogey man of the train enthusiast world, Dr Beaching.

SCOTTISH WIDOWS FUND AND LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY

### NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the 182nd Annual General Meeting of the Members of the Society will be held at the Head Office, 15 Dalkeith Road, Edinburgh oo Tuesday 7 May 1996 at 2.30pm for the following purposes:

- · To consider the Accounts and Balance Sheets for the year ended 31 December 1995 and the Reports of the Directors and Auditors.
- . To re-elect Mr R H Davey, Mr W H Main, Dr C Masters and Mr D C Ritchie as Directors.
- To fix the remuneration of Directors.
- · To re-appoint Price Waterhouse as Auditors,
- To authorise the Directors to fix the remuneration of the Auditors for the current year.
- To transact any other ordinary business proper to an Annual Geoeral Meeting

Forms of Proxy for the use of Members of the Society who are unable to be present at the Meeting, but who may wish to vote, may be obtained on application to the undersigned. To be effective, Proxies must reach the Society's Head Office not less than two clear working days before the time for holding the Meeting. A proxy need not be a Member of the Society.

Questions may be submitted from Members who themselves or through their Proxy intend to be present at the Meeting. These should be in writing and lodged with the undersigned not less than four clear working days before the Meeting.

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#### **ACCOUNTANCY / LAW** 30

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### ACCOUNTANCY

### Be vigilant on tax reforms

### Nigel Doran and Ashley Greenbank on new rules for corporate debt

The Finance Bill 1996. which will become law early next month, is set to revolutionise the way in which companies are laxed on interest, profits and losses on Iransactions in corporate honds and gilts.

The reasons given for the reform include the simplification of the tax system.

Although the new legisla-tion is not easy to follow, it will sweep away dozens if not hundreds of pages of difficult legislation.

The reform is also a prereqthe official gilt strips market for which the previous lax regime was wholly unsuited. For tax advisers, the new regime represents a logical

conclusion to two earlier reforms. These were the rules on foreign exchange gains and losses in the Finance Act 1993

and the reform of the taxation of financial instruments in the Finance Act 1994. Both of these sought to align the tax and accounting treatment. The same approach is

being adopted in the new rules for corporate and government debt. A lax system based on the

accounting treatment will be more coherent and rational

cy practice. **Taking guard** 

at Chelmsford THE upheavals in the English ICA's technical directorate continue. Having issued a strategy droument late last year saying that the directorale intended to be "a centre of technical excellence that is recognised as the undisputed leader in its field" it now finds that it has lost its own leader.

EVEN English chartered accountants are fighting shy of Dr to be more precise its their finest traditions. In the technical director. Arthur Anweek after the great beef scare dersen alumnus Bruce Pickthe Leith's restaurant in the ing, is leaving. As he is a keen basement at the English ICA Essex supporter and the crick- headquarters had a solution.

Ashley Greenbank, left, and Nigel Doran say the reforms will end much difficult legislation Industrial and commercial

companies will tend to use the

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Dutch beef was being served

with some style. But the stiff

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later what is known as "the

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The point on appeal was there-fore the simple and straight-forward one of whether sections

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by District Judge Tromans on January 11, 1995 of the first defendant's application to amend his defence and counterclaim in an

action brought against him and the first defendant, Linda Jane

Mr Miles Croally for the first defendant: Mr David Eady, QC and Mr Thomas Keith for the

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than the old law, which bristled with anomalies.

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advised to drop into the county

ground at Chelmsford.

**Fighting shy** 

For instance, holding comaccruals basis, while financial panies received no relief for institutions will be the main interest paid on non-bank users of the mark-to-market short-term debt and no rax hasis relief was available to any Most of the difficulties in the new legislation arise where it company for a loss incurred in requires a departure from the buying its long-term debt at a premium. Equally, no tax was normal accounting treatment. charged on a profit made on As a starting point, only an buying in debi at a discount. Those anomalies are now removed.

acceptable accruals basis of accounting will be permitted where the parties to the loan Only two accounting methods are authorised; the accruals basis and the mark-tomarket basis. Both must conform to normal accountan-

relationship are, or have been, connected at any time in the past two years. In spite of the changes

made in standing committee, the test of connection remains

extremely wide. It may, in particular, have an impact on management buyouts and other venture capital transactions. A test based on economic ownership may have been more appropriate and would not have amounted to a significant loophole in the

legislation. Some of the anti-avoidance rules can also give rise to unexpected tax charges. For example, interest paid between connected parties more than 12 months after it has accrued will not be deductible unless the lender is also taxed as the interest accrues under the new regime. There will,

regime, And Ernst & Young

knows how to respond to a

panic. 'The cavalry has arri-

ved in the form of EY/PD

plus", trumpets a press re-

lease. Sadly this does not mean the firm is sending in a

boarding party at the Inland

Revenue's HQ just down the

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sort them out. It means they

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therefore, be good reasons for groups to ensure that borrowers are provided with alterna-tive finance so that interest is always paid on time or to avoid interest bearing debt altogether where a connected lender is outside the new

regime. The wider use by groups of debt issued at a discount will not solve these problems.

In fact, where the holder is connected with the borrower, some discounted securities will be even less attractive under the new regime than they were under the old legislation.

In the past, the tax advan-tages of deep discount securides were eliminated in a way that produced a neutral tax resul

Under the new rules, an asymmetrical tax treatment can arise: the borrower may not be enotied to a deduction for the discount on a bond held by a connected lender until it is paid, but the holder may be taxed on the discount as it accrues.

Derhaps the most controversial and-avoidance rule is that which prohibits deductions for interest payments or losses arising rom transactions in debts for unallowable purposes".

Unallowable purposes in-clude any activides that are outside the charge to corporation tax.

We assume this provision is directed at activities outside the jurisdictional scope of UK tax, but its precise ambit is unclear.

Unallowable purposes also include the securing of a tax advantage for any person. This is defined by reference to existing anti-avoidance rules from which there is an exemption for bona fide commercial transactions and a clearance procedure.

No such exemption and no clearance procedure are to be available here.

In general, this is a welcome reform. However, vigilance will be required to avoid those aspects that represent traps for the unwary.

Nigel Doran and Ashley have some software to sell. De-Greenbank are members of the corporate tax group at ROBERT BRUCE | Macfarlanes.

### Thoughtful approach needed to fill the void

A BIT of a void has opened up in the accountancy profession. It is not that there is a shortage of issues to face. If anything, the accountancy profession is faced with more challenging and serious issues than ever before — and they show no signs of lessening. The void is in the thought

Until the collapse of the merger proposals for Cima, the management accounting body, and the English ICA, there had been a presumption that the way forward for the profession as a whole was through gradual unification. A whole generation of accoun-tants had, when they lifted their eyes from the work of the moment, been focused on larger, more centralised structures to enable the profession to continue the extraordinary growth in influence that has characterised its place in the last half of this century.

Now that agenda has evaporated. The goal of one British accounting body and the

possibility of a pan-Euro-pean accounting body to follow has been abandoned. It may well come about in piecemeal fashion and come together as a loose federa-tion. But the grand design has been quietly parcelled up and stored deep in the archives.

What follows is less clear. The focus has changed abruptly. New policies need to be thought through and put into place. The cynicism of the wider membership of the profession needs to be

1990 paid a subscription of £125 a year. Six years later, during a period of low inflation and recession, it has risen to £200.

Compared with other subscriptions, such as golf clubs for example, it is still low. But that is not the point. Much of it is seen as disappearing into a regulatory black hole. The old joke about a yacht being a hole in the ocean into which you poured pound notes could easily be swapped with the profession's disciplinary schemes.

The accountancy bodies know that they have no choice but to keep the schemes going. Governments will allow no other option for the simple reason that they would otherwise have to pick up the tab themselves. But that is no comfort to members.

So new policies will address the basics of trying to keep members happier and better informed. But that again is more of a rolling

turnover and quick profits.

and sale transactions.

on a commercial basis.

Imposition of conditions)

Before Lord Justice Nourse, Lord

Justice Ward and Lord Justice

A residence order under section 8 of the Children Act 1989 with

conditions imposed under section

(1) was not to be made if its effect

policy than anything which properly ad-dresses the problem of the void. And it also holds dangers, as the collapse of the Law Society into a populist quagmire has already shown.

Similarly, new initiatives, like last week's launch of proposals to create an independent oversight board for the profession, will move the agenda. If that scheme comes to fruition it will prove a useful and highly public will prove a userial and lighty public sounding board for the profession. But the, shift is also visible in its creation. It has come about through a bottom-up rather than a topdown process.

The old political forces within the profession may be changing. Or it may simply be that the people at the top of the tree are so exhausted by all the ultimately fruitless work of the last few years that they are, for the time being, waving more enthusiastic souls through from the next tier down.

But when the processes settle down once more there will be a need to take a serious

look at what needs to be done. First, that means greater resources need to be put behind technical matters. Second, the developing profession should ensure that it is agile enough to take advantage of the opportunities that in an information age, are coming at it from all sides and at alarming speeds.

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If I were to say that the English ICA has taken a sensible step in setting up a working party to look at the issues, members could be excused a hollow laugh. However, this appears, for once, to be a working party in the right place and at the right time. It is called the 2005 project,

and it seeks, straightforwardly enough, to look at what the profession and the world may look like ten years hence, and what strategies should be put into place to ensure that accountants are central to the needs of that future business world. The working party will analyse the economic, social and technological forces which it expects to shape the future needs of the business world.

It will consult widely to ensure that Its views on the oature of changes ahead are solidly based. It will onblish its findings later this year and will then, after taking further responses into account, attempt to develop a

strategy. It also hopes that it could become a catalyst for incorporating long-term planning into the institute's thinking on a continuing basis. It is just this type of thoughtful work which will fill the void. And it is a refreshing change to the crisis management that has been prevalent in the past.

addressed The profession is seen by its humbler members as having stumbled into ludicrously expensive schemes, such as regulation. They can look at their cheque stubs for evidence. A newly qualified member of the Scots ICA in

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### Failure to notify council not fatal

Adding claim after limitation period expires

bank

amend.

#### Regina v Marsh

Before Lord Justice Kennedy, Mr Justice Manuell and Judge Grigson **Judement Murch 281** 

The failure to notify the local authority of the intended prosecution of a young person in ac-cordance with section 5(5) or 34(2) of the Children and Young Persons Act 1969, as amended, did not render all subsequent proceedings a nullity; the subsections were directory rather than mandatory. The Court of Appeal. Criminal Division, so held in dismissing an appeal by Dwayne Douglas Alan Marsh against his conviction, on a plea of guilty, in December 1995, at Southwark Crown Court (Mr Re-corder Tudor Oven) of aggravated vehicle taking and driving while disqualified for which he was sentenced to eight months detention in a young offender institution and disqualified for driving for two years. No separate penalty was imposed for a conviction of using a vehicle without insurance.

Section 5 of the Children and Young Persons Act 1969 provides: "(8) It shall be duty of a person who decides to lay an information

and Another

application.

Before Judge Overend, QC

A court was entitled by section 35

of the Limitation Act 1980 and Order 20, rule 5 of the Rules of the

Supreme Court to grant leave to amend pleadings to add a claim

after the limitation period had

expired, where the claim arose out

of the same or substantially the

same facts as a timeous claim

which, although not part of the

original action, was the subject of

leave to amend in the same

dela, a defendant would be

allowed to amend his counterclaim

to allege libel against the plaintiff

bank outside the limitation period

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substantially the same facts as the

Thus in a plaintiff's action for

Judgment March 20]

in respect of an offence in a case where ... the ... offender is a young person to give notice of the lecision to the appropriate local authority.

Section 34(2) of the 1969 Act, as amended by section 108(4) of the Children Act 1989 and section 168(1) of the Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994, provides:

acceded to a request to adjourn his "In the case of a person who has ruling until after the Queen's nut attained the age of eighteen but Bench Divisional Court had given has attained such lower age as the secretary of state may by order specify, no proceeding, ... for an offence shall be begun in any court their judgment in a similar case, Director of Public Frosecutions v Cottier (The Times February 22 19961 which had been heard in the unless the person proposing to bring proceedings has, in addition to any nonce falling to be given by Divisional Court before Lord Justice Saville and Mr Justice Blofeld on January 31, 1996. him to a local authority in pursu-ance of section ... 5(8) of this Act, The last available date open to the trial judge m deal with the given notice to a probation officer sentence under the slip rule was February 1 but the judgment in *Cottier* was not given until Feb-ruary 8. The trial judge therefore

for the area for which the court acis. . . Mr John Lyons, assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals, for the appellant: Mr Howard Vagg for the prosecution.

JUDGE GRIGSON, giving the judgment of the court, said that shortly after the appellant had heen sentenced his solicitor discovered that there had been a breach

for wrongly dishonouring

cheques, even though the contrac-tual claim, made within the limita-

tion period, was only added to the

original counterclaim by leave in

The contractual claim was "pre-

viously made in the original ac-

tion" within the meaning of section

35(5) of the 1980 Act, and was "a

cause of action in respect of which relief has already been claimed in the action" within the meaning of

Order 20, rule 5 of the Rules of the

High Court judge, so held in a reserved judgment delivered in

open court in the Queen's Bench

Division in Plymouth. He accord-

ingly allowed an appeal by the first

Rogers, against the refusal in part

Emerson

Judge Overend, QC, sitting as a

Supreme Court.

defendant. Niche

the same application to amend.

Lloyd's Bank plc v Rogers counterclaim for breach of contract

of the provisions of section 5(8) and they were valid.

34(2) of the 1969 Act, as amended. In Cottier the court's attention In consequence the matter was rewas drawn to section 5(6) which provided, among other things, that listed before the trial judge under no proceedings should be invalithe slip rule with a view to dated by reason of a contravention rescinding the sentence on the basis that the proceedings had of any provision "of this section".

However, subsections (t) 10 (7) were never brought into force and At that hearing the judge were eventually repealed by the Criminal Justice Act 1991, Nevertheless there was no reason for supposing that Parliament in-tended, il subsections (1) to (7) were to be abandoned, that in that eveni a breach of subsection (S) would have the effect of invalidating proceedings. Lord Justice Saville and Mr

Justice Blofeld therefore came to the conclusion in that case that the subsection was a directory rather than a mandatory provision and could see no good reason why Parliament should have intended the opposite in relation to section 34HZ).

Their Lordships adopted the reasons put forward in Corrier and it accordingly followed that the appeal would be dismissed. Solicitors: Crown Prosecution Service, Operations Group

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already been given for the amend

As to discretion, the claim was

based upon substantially the same

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fell squarely within Order 20, rule

It was an unusual claim in that the plaintiff, a major national bank. Itad chosen not to claim

interest on moneys lent, in the face

of an allegation that their interest

5 and section 35 of the 1980 Act.

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allowed had been made.

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#### Wannell v Rothwell (Inspector of Taxes) Before Mr Justice Robert Walker Judgment March 29)

Losses from speculative financial activities undertaken by a taxpayer were not losses sustained from a trade carried on by him on a commercial basis and thus were not available for relief against income tax.

Mr Justice Robert Walker so held in a reserved judgment in the Chancery Division dismissing an appeal by Mr I. F. P. L. Wannell from the determination of a deputy special commissioner (Mr Paul de Virill disallowing loss relief for the vears 1985-86 to 1987-88 of £5.760. £23,453 and £25,217 respectively. Section 168(1) of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1970, now section 380 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988, provides for a person sustaining a loss in any trade to make a claim for retief from income tax.

Section 170 of the 1970 Act, now section 384 of the 1988 Act, provides: "(I] A loss ... shall not be available for relief under section 168 unless it is shown that ... the trade was being carried on on a commercial basis and with a view to the realisation of profits. ..."

Mr Patrick Way for Mr Wannell: Mr Timothy Brennan for the Crown.

MR JUSTICE ROBERT There was no difference in principle between that situation WALKER said that Mr Wannell had worked for a commodity futures dealer before deciding in and the present, leave having 1986 to set up on his own. He did so with very basic equipment, a fax, ment to plead the contractual telephone, market reports and His Lordship accordingly re-jected Mr Eady's submission that the revised pleading had not in fact been served and was not therefore

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was to exclude another person from the mother's home, thereby interfering with her right to live with whom she liked. The Court of Appeal so held using the drawing room of his

private residence as his office. He "uncommercial". A trade might be did not subscribe to a full screen service. He did not buy either conducted in an uncommercial commodity futures or shares as The distinction was between the

Trade not on commercial basis

assets to be held but aimed at quick serious trader who, whatever his shortcomings in skill, experience or capital, was seriously interested On a typical day there might have been between eight and 16 in profit, and the amateur or dilettante. Doubtless there would conversations between Mr be difficult borderline cases for Wannell and his broker. However, in the only complete year of decision and such borderline cases essment when Mr Wannell was could as well occur in Bond Street entering into transactions in both as at a car boot sale.

shares and commodities, there Here the commissioner found were in all 30 pairs of purchase that "a case which is so close tu the trading borderline because of its lack of commercial organisation The commissioner concluded that because of his lack of commerwas bound to be on the wrong side cial organisation. Mr Wannell, of the section 170 borderline". It even if carrying on trading activseemed likely that he had had in ities, could not have been doing so mind Mr Wannell's casualness and lack of self-discipline.

The inclination was to remit the The expression on a commercial basis" did not appear to have matter to the commissioner to been considered by the court: a make further findings and reuseful approach might be to view consider his conclusion. It would "commercial" as the antithesis of have been useful to know what

exactly the admission of casualness amounted to and what other activities. If any, Mr Wannell had been undertaking at the time. But the parties had not wished that course to be taken.

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The commissioner was to be taken as having concluded that Mr Wannell was trading. He was aiming at quick profits and his experience and method of operating showed that he had had a reasonable prospect of achieving profits.

The grey area was as to whether his admitted casualness or lack of self-discipline made his trading activities uncommercial. Not-withstanding the difficulty in fully understanding the commissioner's views, his conclusion was not perverse or unsupported by any evidence so that his final decision was not wrong in law.

Solicitors: Gouldens: Solicitor of Inland Revenue.

Order cannot exclude person In re D (Minors) (Residence: ing an uppeal by a mother from an

order in favour of the father by Judge Hargrove, QC. in Tunbridge Wells County Court in December 1995 whereby he refused to discharge part of an order made in July 1995 under section 8 of the 1989 Act that the mother would not bring her two young children into contact with the man who had been living with her nor allow the man to reside at her home.

Miss Claire Heppenstall for the mother; Miss Elizabeth-Anne Gombel for the father.

LORD JUSTICE WARD said that in July 1995 the mother had consented to the order returning the two children, aged four and two, to her and imposing the condition not in bring them into contact with W nor to allow W to reside at her address.

Shortly before, W had been committed to prison for nine months for breach of an injuneuon. On W's release in November 1995 the mother, wishing W 10 return to live with her, applied to vary the terms of the order.

preliminary issue, rejected the mother's case that he had had no jurisdiction to make the July order, holding that it was proper to make a residence order imposing conditions under section 11(7) of the ACL

mother's flat: thus the case was not one where the judge had made an nuster order through the back door.

he had given a judgment in the recent case of D r D (February 1, 1996, CA) in the course of which he had said:

"If and in so far as Lord Justice Swinton Thomas in In re O fa Minor) (Contact: Imposition of conditions! [The Times March 17 1995; [1995] 2 FLR 124) was suggest ing there is unfettered discretion under section 11(7) to make an order the effect of which is to interfere with the clear right of occupation of one party, then that runs counter to the whole of the development of the law ... and with respect could not be right.

"Section 11(7), in my judgment, is ancillary to the making of a section 8 order. It is governed by the provisions for the making of a section 8 order and does not allow the intermetical does not allow the importation by this back door of the marters taid down in the Matrimonial Homes Act 1967 or proper adjustment of rights of occupation."

In the instant case the mother was seeking to allow W back into her life. The court was not in a position to overrule her decision to live her lile as she chose. What was before the court was the issue of whether she should have the children living with her.

The true issue before the judge was a residence issue and he never addressed it as such. He had concentrated on the unattractive qualities of W, furming an unfavourable view of him. He failed to look at the maner and contested residence order application and was in error.

The appeal should be allowed and the matter sent back for full consideration of the competing claims by a different judge.

Lord Justice Nourse and Lord Justice Schiemann agreed.

Solicitors: Cripps Harries Hall, Tonbridge Wells: Max Barford & Co, Tunbridge Wells.

### had approved the judge's ap-**Rent arrears relevant in housing**

Regina v Lambeth London Borough Council. Ex parte Niomo

Rent arrears were a relevant consideration which could be taken into account by a local authority under section 22 of the Housing Act 1985 in the allocation of housing tenancies.

Mr Justice Sedley so held in the Ducen's Bench Division on March when allowing an application by Lucy Njomo for judicial review of the decision of the London the fact that all applicant had been

Borough of Lambeth on July 17. 1995 not to offer her and her four children a transfer to better council accommodation because of arrears of rent on her existing tenancy.

HIS LORDSHIP said that there was nothing in the legislation which directly or implicitly shut out arrears as a material consideration. A local authority was entitled to treat as relevant to its housing management functions. although in no way determinative.

a had tenant in the past, so rehousing might carry fresh cost and resource implications. Provided they were not treated

more than an indicator of reliability, the existence or absence of rent arrears could likewise be a factor relevant to the housing management Junction. The rigid way in which the policy had been applied in the

present case, however, was unlawful and accordingly the decision of the council would be quashed.

normally permitted to be aired many years after the events in question, the first defendant had had to struggle hard to obtain the necessary material from the plaintiff to ascertain the true nature of his claim. To that extent the plainuff had contributed to the delay.

discretion should not be exercised against the first defendant and the libel claim should be allowed to go furward.

Foot & Bowden, Plymouth.

rates were extortionate. Although libel actions were not

In the circumstances the court's

Solicitors: Alison Trent & Co:

local connection Regina v Newham London Borough Council, Ex parte

A housing authority might prop-erly test whether a homeless

1994. Sir Louis Blom-Cooper, QC,

on March 12 when dismissing an application by Lynette Smith for judicial review of decisions of the London Borough of Newham that she had no local connection with the borough and should therefore be referred to another borough with which she had a connection

by virtue of residence. HIS LORDSHIP said that the applicant applied to Newham for

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Date of inquiry into

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Judgment March 25]

sitting as a deputy judge of the Queen's Bench Division so stated

accordingly there was no ground for interfering with the authority's

giving leave to appeal and allowhousing in August 1994. It was

applicant had a local connection with its area at the date of the application. If did not need to wait until it had completed its investiga-

tions and made its decisions under

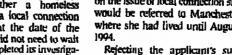
should always be prepared to review its decision should there be such delay in its investigations under section 62 as to call for reconsideration of its decision on referral. Here it had done so and

as the authority was not satisfied on the issue of local connection she would be referred to Manchester where she had lived until August Rejecting the applicant's sub-

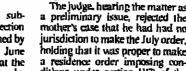
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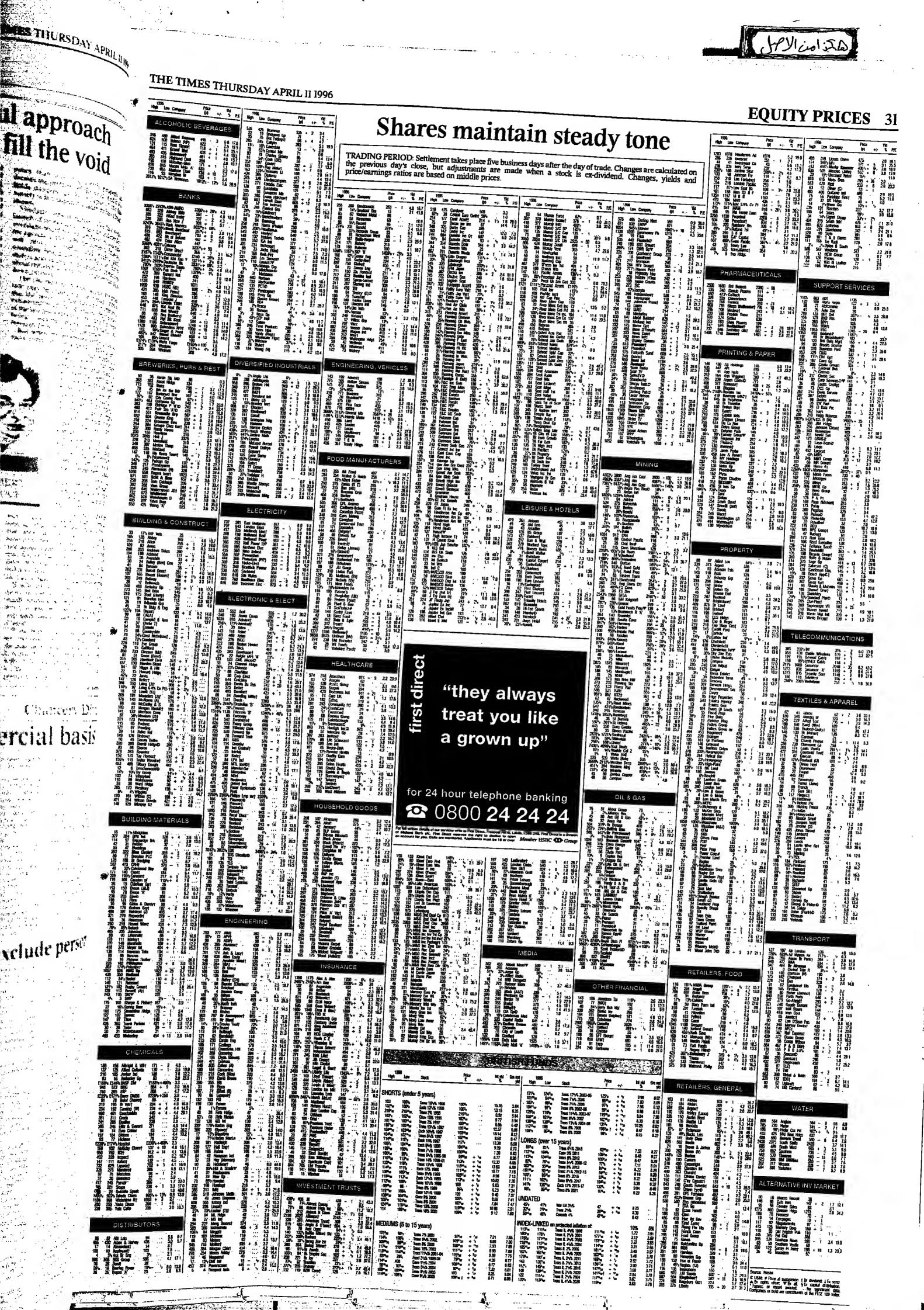
Part III of the Housing Act 1985.



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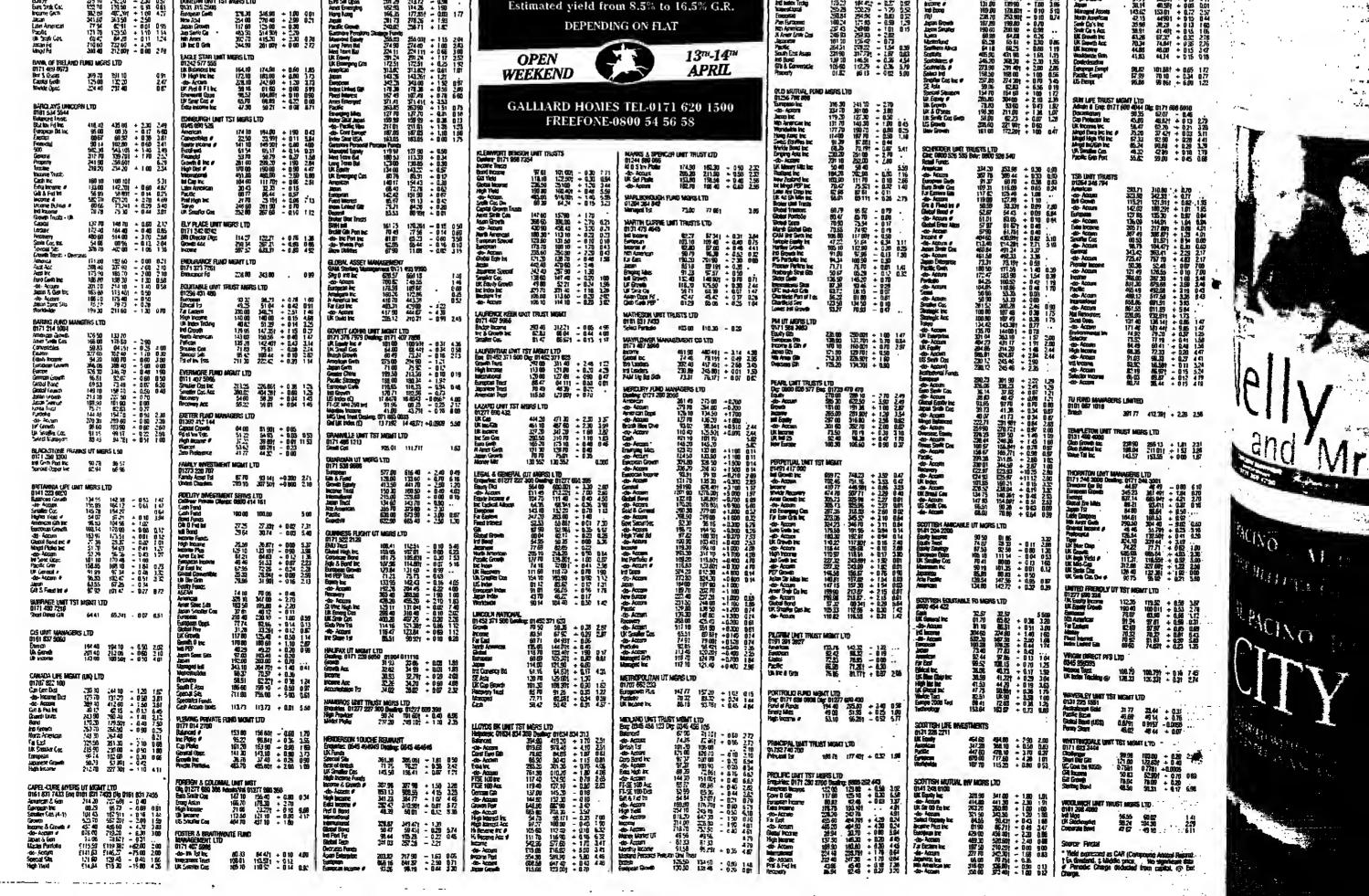
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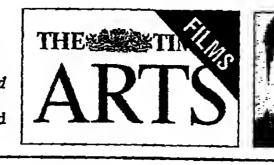
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FILM 4 . while Al Pacino is the New York mayor who makes a play for the White House in the thriller City Hall

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CINEMA: Geoff Brown sees Woody Allen come up with a joyous variation on familiar themes in Mighty Aphrodite

# Old jokers can still be the best

t moments in Woody Allen's latest diver-sion, time stands still. How often have we been in an upmarket Manhattan apartment, watching Allen give his neuroses a shake as he battles some professional or personal crisis? He does so again in Mighty Aphrodite, in which he plays Lenny, a sports writer keen on boxing, jazz and all things Allenish, happy to call his newly adopted baby Sugar Ray, Thelonious or Groucho. We laugh, of course, but we also worry if Allen's persona is not growing a tad threadbare. And how often have we seen Allen, offscreen and on, entangled with a younger woman? The pattern is repeated here. Impressed by the IQ of his bouncing boy, Lenny seeks the natural mother, uncovering no female Einstein but a dumb porn actress, a tart with a heart and the business name of Judy Cum. Luckily. Mira Sorvino, using a squeaky voice of unvarying pitch. invests the lady with a special glow and

tendemess; she rejuvenates the formula. The sweet success of Mighty Aphrodite shows that after 25 years of making movies Allen does not need new themes. only new variations. Abandoning the jittery camerawork of Husbands and Wives and Manhattan Murder Mystery, he returns to plain, full-frontal staging. The only novelty is the masked Greek chorus led by F. Murray Abraham. In their ruined amphitheatre far from

**Mighty Aphrodite** Warner West End 15, 91 mins Woody Allen's genial diversion

Nelly & Monsieur Arnaud Curzon Mayfair PG, 107 mins French perfection from Claude Sauter Broken Arrow Odeon West End 15, 109 mins John Travolta goes ballistic City Hall

Warner West End 15, 112 mins Muddled, entertaining political thriller

romance with the cheerful tart, Lenny turns match-maker. For her ideal mate he picks Michael Rapaport's Kevin, a cranially challenged boxer from the sticks. There is condescension in Allen's treatment of these genial dopes, but. Sorvino fights back with a three-dimensional portrayal that deservedly won her the Oscar for best supporting

actress The film's sheer good nature also helps sweep away flaws. In both life and art, Allen has had good reason to view relationships sourly - Husbands and Wives positively dripped with vitriol - but here he pairs off his characters with and even brings Helena Bonham Carter's selfish wife back from the cold after she has left Lenny's domestic hearth for that ultimate in Manhattan chic - the trendy art gallery. After 25 years it is obvious that Allen's films will never reflect or suit the taste of the whole world. But few directors

of comedy - not Keaton, not Chaplin - can claim such a sustained run of inspiration. The film may not touch the absoline heights, but we should still watch Mighty Aphrodite with gratitude. Joy continues with Nelly &

Monsieur Arnaud, an exquisite and tender study of an older man and a younger woman from the French veteran Claude Sautet. They meet by chance in a restaurant. He (Michel Serrault) is a retired colonial judge - spruce, sar-donic, accustomed to power who views the world from under quizzical eyebrows. She (Emmanuele Béart) is an alluring 25-year-old, married to a duli layabout, brimming with unfulfilled desires. "Did you notice his eyes? He

doesn't miss anything," a friend of Nelly's observes. Neither does Sautet: the camera catches every gaze, hesitation and flicker of misunderstanding as Arnaud edges towards intimacy with Nelly. whom he hires to sit at a computer and take dictation of his ponderous memoirs or catalogue and parcel up his library of rare books.

These are scarcely activities to set the pulse racing. But Sautet is not interested in any high drama. For all the dance of sexual attraction, no sex is involved: the closest body contact Arnaud enjoys is a few secret strokes while the beautiful Nelly sleeps. But, given the film's intimate scope and the strength of the star performances, even a caress feels like an earthquake.

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"Few directors know their own little universe so well": Woody Allen with Helena Bonham Carter and baby perambulating in Mighty Aphrodite

Maybe the cutting-room floor radiant young companion; you cannot take your eyes off them.

Ultimately, though, the film is Sauter's triumph, crowning more than 40 years in the business as an assistant director. scriptwriter and director. Fastidious craftsmanship, so rare in this rambunctious age, goes hand in hand with wise observations of manners, society and the human heart. The result is unalloyed pleasure.

Travolta. Slater. No first names are need-ed on the poster for

holds the key, although the thought of this bumptious. brainless movie actually being longer is depressing. To the list of past notable mayors of New York City -Jimmy Walker, Fiorello La Guardia, Ed Koch - we must now add Al Pacino. He is a Greek-American, John Pappas by name. His thick hair is swept back. Passion is his middle name, especially when he sways electors and makes a play for the White House. Most of City Hall appear to



unwelcome advice ("Please, Lenny, don't be a schmuck!"). and give a Cole Porter song a vigorous work-out. Although Allen indulges

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Manhattan, they survey the

drama, brood on fate, offer

them rather too much, the chorus adds a refreshing kink to the script. And, as the story unfolds, Allen's characters spring their own little surprises. Instead of becoming know their own little universe sucked into an incongruous so well; and few other creators Jean-Hughes Anglade as the . Broken publisher of Arnaud's memoirs; once he meets Nelly, the couple becomes a triangle. There is the lugubrious Michael Lonsdale, sidling into the odd scene as a mysterious shadow from Arnaud's past. But the film never strays far him holding America to ran-som by hijacking nuclear bombs. Christian Slater, makfrom the courtly, bemused face of Serrault (looking cerily like the director himself) and his

Arrow. figure: although with four These guys have reached credited writers shaping the superstar status, like Mozart script. jarring voices someor Cezanne. Not that their times poke through. For the skills are equivalent. John Travolta coasting along on the success of Pulp Fiction, spends most of his time sneering at the fools trying to stop

ing his entry in the he-man stakes, runs around deserts, copper mines. trucks and trains, aiming to stop his old partner from the air force. "You're out of your mind," Slater observes in the final setto. "Yeah, ain't it cool?" Travolta drones.

Not that Broken Arrow ever m-Hugues Anglade encourages audiences to expect cinema's finer things. The script, dreamt up by Graham Yost, writer of Speed, exists WITTY, BEAUTIFULLY simply to showcase explo-sions. Apart from an unconvincing crash of Travolta's stealth bomber, the action scenes work well enough: as OREIGN LANGUAGE they should with a director such as John Woo, Hong Kong specialist in flying debris (see interview on page 34). But after a while one orange fireball seems much like another; and by staging so much action in an abandoned mine (the favoured hideaway of villains in 1940s serials), the chances for visual interest are drastically limited.

Broken Arrow would also be easier to swallow if the plot made at least a little sense.

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record, the team ranges from Ken Lipper (Ed Koch's former deputy) to Scorsese collaborator Nicholas Pileggi and the estermed Paul Schrader. John Cusack's character Calhoun, Pappas's deputy, begins in naive adoration of his master. He shares the mayor's outrage when a shooting in Brooklyn leaves a cop and a passing black child dead. But the further the incident is probed, the more nods, winks and deals come to light. The finger of guilt is variously pointed at Mafia princes, local Democratic leader Danny Aiello and Martin Landau's saintly judge.

The thriller's mechanics work reasonably well under Harold Becker's unexceptional direction, although Bridget Fonda's investigating lawyer seems dragged in only to introduce a feminine touch. As the charismatic mayor, Pacino stays well on the right side of caricature, while Cusack keeps pace as his trusty right hand forced to face the facts of politics. The most memorable portrayal, however, comes from Danny Aiello as the party boss who massages cronies and opponents with equal finesse, and knows all of Carousel by heart.

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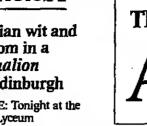
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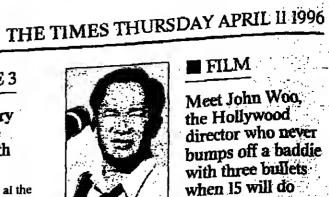




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BROKEN ARROW Carolyn Dawson, 18: A typical Hollywood action film. Travolta and Slater made a change from Willis or Stallone.

Amy Gibson, 18: Not being a "bombs and guns" film fan, | was convinced I'd hate this one. Yet despite moments when belief was suspended, this was a gripping and ac-tion-packed film. It had the predictable James Bond-style el-together at the end. Toby Brown, 16: The whole film was explosive - non-stop action and extremely exciting. It cast John Travolta in a role which he is not normally associated with and he was excellent.

Patrick Bird, 16: Good, but nothing groundbreaking - it was just like Speed. I wouldn't go out of my way to see it.

CITY HALL Carolyn: You need a knowledge of politics to understand or even care about what is happening in the film. The ending was good, though, as the plot twists and the mystery is solved.

Amy: Although this was well acted, the plot was convoluted, I found the theme - the idealist discovering the realities of the world - quite dull. Toby: The film was bland and dull, and there was no climax. I didn't relate to or learn anything about the characters, Al Pacino acted well but the role didn't allow him to show his potential.

Patrick: A promising beginning but it degenerated into a pile of rubbish. Al Pacino and John Cusack were quite good, but Bridget Fonda was a joke. It was very boring and too long: a "must not see".

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### TODAY'S CHOICE

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meets John Woo, director of Broken Arrow, idol of

ohn Woo, who made his name directing Hong Kong action movies so slick that even Hollywood's style-sultans such as Quentin Tarantino and Martin Scorsese swooned, measures out his life not in coffee spoons but in bullet holes.

right down to the straight-arm Mexican stand-offs.

spilt in a Woo movie is like saying a little coffee gets grown in Brazil. In Hard Boiled, one of his last Hong Kong triumphs, a quiet Kowloon teahouse of Chinese Jasmine-sippers explodes into a bloody mortuary within the opening two minutes.

from all this gore that Woo must be one of those nutters who slavers over back copies of Soldier of Fortune magazine, then you'd be making as big a mistake as someone who looks at Matisse cutouts and thinks, ah well, maybe this guy never made it beyond

"I hate violence," says Woo, quietly spoken, almost bashful. He is dressed in crisp dark suit, silk tie, shined shoes. The concierge at his Knightsbridge hotel probably takes him for a

"I never learnt any martial arts, and I've never fired a



### Tarantino

His second Hollywood film, Broken Arrow, both secures his reputation as a director. who never bumps off a baddie with three bullets when 15 will do (it's a matter of rhythm. not violence, says Woo), and underlines his influence on Tarantino's Reservoir Does.

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John Woo: to say that the Hong Kong director's films are violent is akin to saying coffee

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So what's with all the shooting and the dead bodies? "Perhaps it all stems from my childhood. I was raised in a real bad neighbourhood — drug dealers, prostitutes, thieves, killings. You come under a lot of pressure to join the gangs, the triads. But I had good parents who taught me to be strong." A church school- ing also shaped his recurring themes of friendship, betrayal, loyalty, of honour and dignity, of religious imagery. "I was so poor, and I saw so much unfairness and crime and killings. So I always have this dream is there any way to stop crime and conquer evil? I couldn't do that in real life, so I do it in films. That's why I love to glorify my heroes — because	And how. Tarantino rate Woo as "the most exciting director to emerge in action cinema since Scrgio Leone". I was the adulation of Tarantino, among others, tha persuaded Woo to pack for Los Angeles four years ago Tarantino is currently work ing on a script that Woo hopes to direct, maybe in a couple of years' time - two films along the road. He's that busy. Woo has already cast Bro- ken Arrow star John Travolta in his next movie, Face Off, He will play alongside Nicolas Cage. Produced by Michael Douglas, Face Off is "a futur- istic story about a cop and a criminal who swap faces. It's a battle between good and evil" (a Woo film that isn't a battle between good and evil would	<ul> <li>Hollywood sit up. In fact 22 companies wooed Woo before Universal won him over with Hard Target, starring Jean-Claude van Damme.</li> <li>Broader horizons and bigger budgets were two reasons that persuaded Woo to move continents. His family was a third: "In Hong Kong it's very easy to work seven days a week. It's very competitive, pressurised. People would shoot in the daytime and edit in the nightime. My children hardly recognised my face. "Families are very important to me. I can lose everything, but I can't lose my family. So I moved my whole family to Los Angeles because in the Western world they don't work in the evenings and</li> </ul>	me a lot of support. I don't feel lonely. I've been very moved by all that." He has been even more moved by the Hollywood film- making process: moved to despair. "It's so complicated. So many people involved. So much politics, games, hun- dreds of meetings. In Hong Kong we only need one meet- ing: we pitch the story. talk about the cast, and that's it." So. Mr Woo, can you drop us a hint of what the new Tarantino script will be about? "It's about the honest cop, and a killer — a psychological war." Any more? "It's a con- flict between good and evil."	MIGHTY APHRODITE Carolyn: A passive film which would appeal to those with an absord sense of humour. The Greek chorus added to its originality. Not really a teen- agers' film — more for the over 25s. Amy: Excellent light entertain- ment. I loved the mythological Greek chorus commenting on the characters' antics and there were some great one- liners. Toby: An exquisite, funny and beautifully moving film. Michael Rapaport is absorb- ing as the boxer and Bonham Carter, who plays the busy wife having an affair, is also superb. Unmissable. Patrick: I enjoyed it. It was light-hearted and funny but a little unrealistic. The Greek		
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Not the way the Bard wrote it

The Taming of

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his production by Gale Edwards, which launches the RSC's final summer season at the Barbican, might have been an occasion for a nice if slightly premature homily about parting being sweet sorrow. Instead, it has the unintended effect of making me, until now an implacable foe of the company's plans, feel that Londoners

deserve a rest from hand-me-down transfers from Stratford. Plymouth, Cardiff. Batley, Otley or wherever the RSC proposes to put down

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its tents in 1997 would certainly be welcome to a Shrew that has improved not at all since its first

incarnation last April. True, the revival had and has its strengths and, true, they are at the play's core. Michael Siberry makes an attractively raffish, buccaneering Petruchio, all the stronger for the hint of insecurity behind the Scarlet Pimpernel macho, Josie Lawrence's splendidly robust Kate suggests a parallel vulnerability beneath the snarls and Annie Oakley swagger. All that both need to be excellent is to be recast in a production as unlike this as possible.

One problem is the engulfing visual ado: Tranio as Gary Glitter, Gremio in a dotty blend of white ruff, black frock coat and green hose. Petruchio arriving for his wedding in a cute red car accompanied by Grunnio in a pink tutu and

himself looking as if he cannot decide whether he is an Inca king, an American wrestling champ or a Waterloo down-and-out. If his own household were odd and sinister, it might help push along the plot and explain Kate's "taming". But it is simply odd and silly, as if the Cirque de Soleil had been cursorily redirected by Mack Sennett, and scarcely even raises a laugh.

dia routines.

ceptional wit or subtlety from the principals in such ding of the play's sexual politics is not exactly liberating either. She reinvents the Christopher Sly "in-duction"; she makes wholly unjusti-fied cuts and additions at the close; she forces Siberry and Lawrence to finish the play in ways that directly contradict the Bard's wishes; and all for the sake of extracting a right-on moral for the right-thinking 1990s. Sly, you will recall, is the drunken tinker for whom the play proper is performed on the orders of aristo-cratic practical jokers. Here almost

everything furmy, cruel and Shakespearean disappears, to allow him to become Petruchio and The Shrew his didactic dream. I have seen this doubling tried before, notably by Jonathan Pryce in 1978, but never to such awkward and perverse effect. That becomes sadly clear when we

duty of wives to serve, love and obey their husbands.

ing, half-amused way, depending on whether you see Kate as a conventional Elizabethan, a bat-

tered modern wife, or (the most effective) a strong woman complicit in forging a bond with a man who reaches parts of her the dreary, feeble Paduans have left untouched. What she cannot do is fall authentically in love with Petruchio, then make him feel, half-way through the

speech, that his sexism has Gone Too Far. What he cannot do is flinch away in guilty horror at her scorn and, transformed back to Sly, beg a rapprochement with his wronged wife. But that is Edwards's "solution"

In Shakespeare the couple go

happily to bed. Here they become exemplars in a marriage guidance manual aimed at unreconstructed

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I HOPE no theatre director is planning a stage version of Battleship Potemkin or any movie where at least some of its power derives from a panoramic sweep, with or without the cast of thousands. On stage the loss of these background views, as well as the pace and clarity of the cinematic flow, is just too severe a loss, as witnessed in the RSC's unsatisfactory version of Les Enfants du Paradis a few weeks back.

And now David Glass's treatment of the story filmed by Fellini in the 1950s, a Roman journalist's descent into the Infernal City of ego-

> La Dolce Vita Lyric, W6

tism, depravity and despair. Plus songs, it doesn't work, and the failure is due to misjudgments that in isolation might have been absorbed but when exhibited in quantity deliver real damage.

In Glass's support I should mention that he once did a remarkably effective Les Enfants. His treatment had a unifying style all the more impressive in a work where a principal theme is the contest between different styles.

There is unity of a sort in his new show: black background, white screens: most of the men in black suits and all but one of the women in black, the exception being Sylvia, the brainless Hollywood star. who is allowed a dash ol cyclamen.

The David Glass Ensemble is renowned for its mime skills and there is a fair amount of

be distracting when some-

thing is going on elsewhere on

Nothing, repeat nothing in the world is less funny than the RSC doing comme-What chance of ex-

We shall see.

(unreported) for the produc-

tion team on Tuesday.

Tamed into submission: Michael Siberry as Petruchio and Josie Lawrence as Kate get little chance to shine in The Taming of the Shrew get to Kate's notorious speech on the

The speech can be delivered straight, robotically or in a know-

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males. Which ending is the more authentic? Need you ask? BENEDICT

JOHN CASKEN'S new orchestral piece, Sortilège, was premiered by the Philharmonia Orchestra on Tuesday as the centrepiece of an all-English programme. The conductor was Leonard Slatkin, best known here for his special. way with the English late-Romantics, and Casken received the same sympathetic treatment.

As Slatkin has proved during his long tenure in St Louis - he is soon to take charge of the National Symphony Orchestra in Washington - his musical affinities are wide,

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and many were reflected in his confident drawing together of the varied threads.

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they are never turgid. He uses a rich orchestral palette -scoring is for a large, conventional orchestra, with plano and prominent percussion. With striking solos from sev-eral instruments during its 20

minutes duration, Sortilége is almost a concerto for orchestra. As the title suggests, Sorti-lege deals with sorcery and

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spells. It was inspired by Tennyson's Merlin and Vivien, and its two movements mirror Tennyson's structure. Both movements begin innocently, both quickly become menacing and agitated as Vivien repeatedly attempts to bewitch Merlin. Slatkin has an ear for detail and brought the music to life.

for one whooping climax. But

they are not obvious influ-

ences. Casken's language

verges on clear-cut tonality

but remains individual; al-

though his textures are dense

He cast his own spell over Vaughan Williams's The Lark Ascending, producing mes-merising pianissimos and plumbing depths of emotion rarely revealed here. The Philharmonia's leader, Christopher Warren-Green, flut-tered freely as the soloist in a performance that rekindled admiration for a work that can Having delivered some of the softest orchestral playing possible. Statkin unleashed sounds of shattering ferocity in his account of The Planets. Biting ensemble evoked brutal cosmic power in Mars, and incisive strings sharpened the focus on much-abused Jupiter. Some wayward intonation from the offstage New London Children's Choir made Neptune more weird than ethereal, but this was an exciting performance that underlined Holst's originality.

JOHN ALLISON

High Notes: Samuel Ramey, Leah-Marian Jones and Jennifer Rhys-Davies in the controversial Nabucco

YOU COULD call it Michael Feinstein syndrome. Some artists, unremarkable on record, take on a larger-than-life dimension when they are within hugging distance of an audience. In the case of Mandy Patinkin, doyen of Sondheim singers, the transformation is breathtaking. The singer who can be heard on the new album, Oscar & Steve - an ingenious synthesis of the lyrics of Hammerstein and Sondheim - is a rather cloying tenor given to disconcerting leaps into a disembodied falsetto. The effete delivery may not be wholly out of place on the Sondheim numbers, but it leaves Patinkin sounding under-powered on Hammerstein's big, heart-on-sleeve ballads On the stage, his physical presence makes all the difference, even in a bare-brick setting stripped of all objects besides a stark electric lamp and Paul Ford's upright piano. Patinkin brings a hyperac-

### Less is more when stars shine

OPERA: Toned-down Nabucco is saved by the music at Covent Garden

TIM ALBERY'S joint Welsh National-Royal Opera proseen the half of it: Albery and his designer. Antony McDonduction of Nabucco came to ald, have significantly watered down the staging since it was Covent Garden trailing clouds new in Cardiff last year. The of controversy. The respected Verdi specialist Sir Edward Hebrews are not seen party-Downes declined to conduct it, ing during the overture, some which many felt to be an important skinnish in a of the more extravagant head-gear has vanished, mild transvestism is no longer a sympcounter-revolution against "modern" production styles. tom of Nabucco's madness, he has lost his Ashurbanipalstyle beard, and an unsettling-Julia Varady cancelled (again) but at least gave the ly Palestinian look for the management plenty of notice Assyrians has been toned this time — about three months. There was booing (duly reported on the front down - a little too confrontational, maybe, given intervening events.

pages) mingled with cheers This leaves the Holocaust imagery dangerously exposed; the strength of the original staging lay in the rich variety But the audience had not LD COOPE

of visual symbols responding to events both before and after the opera's composition. But plenty remain, not least the suggestion of conflict between civilisation and barbarism very much a topic for our times - and the Hebrews' brutal treatment of a female hostage certainly reflects Verdi's equivocal attitude to Risorgimento patriotism. The combination of Va, pensiero, Verdi's title The Prophecy and a graffiti-like representation of a row of huts remains mindnumbing. The watering-down may be

a pity -- either do it, or don't do it -- but the musical performance at Covent Garden is quite magnificent. The young Russian conductor Władumir Jurowski makes a brilliant debut. His tempos, not all of them convensional. and their relationships are carefully considered. He gets bright, crisp playing from the excellent orchestra, fuil-throated and disciplined singing from Terry Edwards's chorus. The rum-ti-tum cabalettas are given real dramatic weight. He has a view of the score, astonishingly assured for someone still in his early twenties. More, please, and SOOT.

Alexandru Agache had lost much of the BSE-tinged meat of Nabucco's character in the rethinking, but more than made up for it with his imposing stage presence, his natural eloquence and nobility of utterance. Purely vocally he has done nothing better at Covent Garden.

Samuel Ramey, too, was on top form as Zaccaria, especially when released from behind the false proscenium in the first scene, which had a slightly deadening effect on every-

one's sound; his Prayer was exquisitely phrased, and his ringing high F sharp at the end of the Prophecy pinned us all to the back of our seats. Nina Rautio, replacing Varady as Abigaille, fields sumptuously creamy tone and sufficient agility, though she could afford to hurry the coloratura less and one or two top Cs were not quite cranked up above B sharp. But anyone

who can get through this fiendish role at all wins my vote, and she really goes for it. Dennis O'Neill sang Al-bery's bookworm version of fsmaele strongly, and Leah-Marian Jones made much of poor Fenena, who spends most of the evening either with a knife at her throat or a pistol at her temple.

There were no weak links in this evening of rare vocal splendour.

**RODNEY MILNES** 

the stage, though Glass's purnose is evidently to give such scenes a complexity. Showing the density of the Via Veneto. for instance, with the beautiful people, the rich and the eccentric, bickering. There is the matter of the music too, and the lyrics, by Paul Sand with many a nod

towards Nino Rota, who wrote the music for the film. His inevitably modern score does not blend well with the Rota melodies, one of which seems to have strayed from La Strada.

There are a couple of vigor-ously choreographed numbers but the gravest objection is the Odtaa effect: the One Damned Thing After Another. Yes, the paparazzo is an odious skunk, bul Gerard Casey's Marcello, while effectively hunched and stricken at times of stress, doesn't inspire great interest in his decline

and fall. JEREMY KINGSTON



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Almeida tive intensity to his material. In his cele-

bration of a ceotory of musical theatre, it is the theatrical component that comes to the fore. The juxtapositions of songs by Hammerstein and Sondheim open up unex-

pected vistas. Nat King Cole once turned

jaunty, self-confident adieu. Patinkin gives it the unabashedly maudlin treatment, but then wrongfoots the listener with a segue into the bitter-sweet reminiscences of Remember from A Little Night Music.

When I Grow Too Old To Dream mto a

At times Patinkin's delight in his own inventiveness can transport him ominously close to Danny Kaye territory. But most of the time, as he swung from broad vaudeville to reprising his role as Che in Evita, it was easy to see why he is so often compared to another over-the-top show-

man, Al Jolson. Patinkin, you begin to suspect, should have been born a hundred years ago. Today we have videos, CD-Roms and laser discs; but do we have a stage big

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### Roddy Doyle's unsparing examination of a brutal marriage transcends the boundaries of class and nationhood, says Aisling Foster

R oddy Doyle gives "accessi-bility" a good name. No wonder his last book was equally prominent as Booker Prize winner and at school prizegivings. His sharp, punchy style shows an understanding of how we read today. References to television. as well as to music and film, acknowledge their ever-increasing share in the storytelling of contemporary lives; and in feeling the pulse of a raw Dublin suburb, Doyle is recording a beat which can be recognised all over the world.

The Woman Who Walked Into Doors is his best work yet. The woman in the title has already appeared on television. Paula Spencer, is the 39-year-old battered wife, mother and alcoholic in the four-part feature. The Family. The story she told there was

powerful enough. Her 18-year marriage to Charlo. a handsome petty criminal, came as close to broken bone as fine acting and camerawork could get, and the physical and psychological dam-age inflicted on her children and herself directed a well-aimed kick

### More than just an accidental talent

THE WOMAN WHO WALKED INTO DOORS By Roddy Doyle Cape, E14.99

at any government preaching the delights of old-fashioned values. Yet there was a softness there. too. Despite Doyle's script, scenes of stray horses on suburban roundabouts and a community still able to exchange banter at street corners somehow dissipated the pain. It all looked "very Irish", fitting a persistent canon of the screen world which presents that up fresh wounds, race as different, inured to suffergrows more abing by history or wit. Now Doyle is in total control of sorbing with every

page. The past explains this unexpecthis material. And the difference between the two treatments of edly complicated woman. Low Paula's story is as distinct as the self-esteem came early: the memotastes of real coffee and instant. ry of a bright child standing in line Nor is this book particularly Irish. on her first day at senior school

quial "Dub" style is a universal story of invisible women everywhere, lost in vast council wastelands on the fringes of cities. This is the tale of a little life, of childhood, motherhood and widowhood. But Paula's voice, cutting right inside her head to a clotted memory of truth and self-delusion, picking at old scars and patching

Paula (centre) in Doyle's 1995 TV drama, The Family

was the shove which sent her tumbling downhill. Considered of low ability, she distinguished herself by "wanking a good-looking thick in the back of the classroom".

Her attraction to Charlo is physical, too. "Elegance in a man is a rare thing, in an Irishman anyway ... You could spend your life walking around

here before you'd see a man in a pair of trousers that fit him properly." And the blurry mix of love for her children and alcoholism recurs, her plans for their future flipping over and over before the nightly bottle of vodka knocks her into

oblivion. As an ex-teacher. Doyle probably understands children better than most. But he is also one of those rare male authors who can bring women alive in fiction.

Paula's daydreams, inspired by soap operas and Danielle Steele, shore up her defences against facing the truth about herself and

Baywatch and a bottle, when Paula tries to discuss steroids with her daughter, mercilessly shows how far their imagined closeness

visit the place where her husband died, shot dead by the gardai after a bungled kidnap attempt and murder of a bank manager's wife. She travels to a middle class culde-sac by the sea. It is reminiscent of Australian soap operas, peace· Revival of the bestial

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ful, neat, with "strange trees that made me feel that I wasn't in Ireland". She had planned to catch a glimpse of the widower, make a guilipse of all right, but finds fantasy easier to bear. She walks away comforted by her invention of a lonely man sitting in his nice house, destined for consolation, as yet unaware that "there was a woman in his bank that was in love with him".

oyle does not imagine such easy solutions. Real more complex and their revela-tions here are impossible to ignore. The Woman Who Walked Into Doors deserves all the literary prizes it will surely get; but it should also be presented to every schoolchild as a warning against educational failure and rosy illu-

life and people are far sions that love will conquer all.

her habit. Unconscious revelations betray huge gaps in understanding between parent and child, and the way old damage returns to haunt the next generation. Television, like drink, applies a comforting cushion to mufile communication. In Charlo's first introduction to Paula's father, their mutual antipathy is channelled into an argument about The Golden Shot; an evening with

> has drifted from reality. That is the genius of this novel: the layering of what is concrete and dream, a daily diet of romance and violence, fleeting illusions of liberation and affluence. Near the end of the book, Paula decides to

Hell is oneself and hell is alone

### Bernard Levin on the worst choice

AM I A MURDERER? By Calel Perechodnik Westview, £18\_50

m 1 a murderer? Verv few of us would need to A rack our brain for an answer. But then, very few of us have been in the hands of the Holocaust and lived to tell the tale. Even fewer have seen their entire family being shovelled into the train of no return, bound for Treblinka, while the paterfamilias watch-es enfolded in a uniform supplied by the Nazis,

It was not as plain as that. Calel Perechodnik, who was only 27, believed that if he enrolled as a Jewish ghetto policeman, his wife and child would have immunity from what was coming. And why should he believe that? Because he was told as much. Calel Perechodnik lived in a town called Otwock, near Warsaw. He was a Pole and a



### Sense and sensibility

ncient literature contains many referwomen ences to philosophers. Although chauvinists and spoilsports continue to doubt the authenticity of the Xanthippic Dialogues (Ed. R. Scruton, 1993), nobody can deny that Theano, wife of Pythagoras, was a major contributor to pre-Socratic cosmology, or that Lastheneia, pupil of Plato, enjoyed a high reputation as a eacher of her master's ideas. Hipparchia, sister of Metrocles and wife of Crates, is singled out for special praise by Diogenes Laertius, and it is clear to any impartial scholar that it was not Aristippus, but his daughter Arete, who founded the Cyrenaic school. Female philosophers had a special place in Hellenisric civilisation, as propagators of a doomed pagan virtue: noteworthy are the saintly Sosipatra, lauded by Eunapius, and Hypatia, torn to pieces by a Christian mob in

This is certainly the impression given by Mme de Staël, by George Eliot, Georges Sand and Elizabeth Browning. Whatever the cause, the contribution of women to modern philosophy seems to have been, until the present century, nugatory, How rapidfy things have changed can be judged from the fact that the greatest living English philosopher (Elizabeth Anscombe), and the greatest living philosopher-novelist (Iris Murdoch) are both women.

Each receives due recognition from Mary Warnock, who praises Elizabeth Anscombe in terms that would be more frequently employed had not this excellent woman publicly denounced the corruption of modern moral philosophy.

### **Roger Scruton**

WOMEN PHILOSOPHERS Edited by Mary Warncock Dent. (20)

most intriguing, and lead one to regret that neither of them could curtail the monstrous intellectual egoism of Sartre and Heidegger, whose lovers they nevertheless were.

a good way of reminding yourself of the sensibility lacking from contemporary academic philosophy - namely an awareness of the fate of civilisation and an openness to experience. There is not much sensibility in the rambling thoughts of Mary Midgley on animals, even less in Onora O'Neill's discussion (however cogent) of duty and virtue, and none whatsoever in Susan Haack's account of "foundherentism" - a theory as forbidding as its name.

And this is interesting: for if you were to ask yourself precisely what women could contribute to philosophy as women, the answer would surely be the sensibility which is so evident in Hannah Arendt, and which we also find in our greatest philosophtral nor ts notabl

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Reading Hannah Arendt is

the Jewish half lived happily with the other half; prewar Polish Jew-hatred was as vile as that of the Nazis, and when the German invasion began. many Poles were bewildered to find that it was not only the Jews that the Germans had come to kill.

Smiling, those innocents slept, until the Aktion – a combination of a slaughterhouse and an unquenchable fire. And perhaps the most terrible words spoken in this story of horror were "... around five o'clock in the evening a written telephone message arrived at the Polish police station, asking that they reserve 50 freight cars for seven in the evening on Wednesday .... Imagine a group of people who are frantic to get poison

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with which to kill themselves; at last they have understood what has happened - or rather, not understood but at least know what is to come. Calel has known much earlier, which only makes his torment worse. He imagines the scene: "The crowd of naked, silent

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tion or a curse."

thousand bodies.

the late 15th to the 17th century

have long been a source of

fascination. In all, some

40,000 people were executed

for allegedly making a pact with the Devil, flying through

the air at night to take part in orgiastic sabbaths and caus-

ing harm to their neighbours.

down on myself that Tower of Babel. And soll Calel walks womeo, mostly with children through fire. in hand, moves forward to a

The Holocaust brought out huge building, where they are very many aspects of human supposed to bathe ... Silently, wickedness and many of nowomen with flabby bility. But perhaps the most breasts, young, tall women, slender like poplars ... Anko, agonising was the choice that was no choice. I read about it. Anko, let your beautiful eyes gaze for the last time at the and remembered it — who could forget? A Nazi was selecting Jews; the ones who heaven, at the sunset. Send me your last greeting - a benediccould be useful were pointed down one channel, the ones A benediction or a curse. For who could not contribute any-Calel is still asking "Am 1 a murderer?", and he will go on asking that question until his thing went down the channel of death.

But Calel has yet another

fire to walk through, "It is at

that moment I stopped believ-

ing in God. I ask myself if I

was not guilty of something and whether I did not pull

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But one day, the line consistlast day. And yet, he is a Jewish ghetto policeman, and ed of a mother and her two sturdy children; the Nazi behe has tasks to carry out - for fore her smiled, waved his instance he has to bury one hand and said to the mother, "You choose".

DARTY IN should be revered in the same breath as Socrates.

5th-century Alexandria, a

But what happened there-after? What role did women play in the great flowering of The Warsaw Ghetto uprising of 1943, in which Perechodnik died fighting the Nazis he had been forced to serve philosophy in modern times? Mary Warnock anempts to answer that question with In the annals of evil this must rank very high. But now, is Calel a murderer? As he fled extracts from the philosophers themselves. Her book begins from one dangerous move to with Anne, Lady Conway, a another, as he found shelter in 17th-century thinker admired by Leibniz, and ends with cellars, in ruins, in wardrobes, Susan Haack, who has caused behind hoardings, he must have been haunted by the very a stir among American academics by pouring scorn on In a sense, this story is a political correctness, on relativism, and on feminism itself. story of choice. When he parted with his family, that Lady Warnock points out in was the first step. Of course, he her preface that women in our civilisation have seldom writcould not guess the aftermath, but it was either God or the ien abstract philosophical ar-Devil who, amid countless gument, except in the context thousands, saw his family of religious meditation: and actually awaiting death in religious meditation sorts ill with the open mindedness of modern philosophy.

Is he, was he a murderer? No, a thousand times no. His This is one explanation for family would have forgiven the comparative lack of signifihim at once. Indeed, there was cant women philosophers in nothing to forgive: the choice the 17th, 18th and 19th centuwas not made for himself, and ries. Another explanation is no one could see the terrible that educated women have in future. I hope he rests in peace. modern times preferred to But he died in war; he was enjoy the fruits of abstract killed fighting in the Warsaw thought, but not to waste the time involved in culling them. George Eliot.

Mary Warnock is firmly ut women have entered the mainstream wedded to the prevailing academic conception of the subphilosophy only of ject. She excludes from her since the subject be collection those like Simone came an academic career. In Weil, in whom profundity of order to make their mark, they thought is not matched by have had to become either dry clarity of argument, and those technicians or humourless like Julia Kristeva and Luce feminists. Some would see this lragary, who are perhaps too as confirming the male hegeinfected by bourgeois-baiting mony, which offers women no paradox for her liking. Nor other choice: either you bedoes she make room for the come an ersatz man, or you new-style "feminist philosodeclare war on the man-made phy" which, she implies, is no culture. A more reasonable better than an exercise in selfconclusion, however, is that philosophy has now become As for those whom she so abstract a discipline that the includes, she is surely right to distinction between the masaccord such importance to culine and the feminine no

Anne Conway, whose discuslonger applies to it. sion of individual essence is There is no more room for a one of the most striking things that I have read on this immensely difficult topic. And she is right to give space to Phillipa Foot, who, despite the sparseness of her publications, remains one of the most important moral philosophers The well-chosen passages Xanthippic dialogues are genfrom Simone de Beauvoir and Hannah Arendt show these erally dismissed as inauthen-

ric, even by women.

The dangerously humdrum horror of persecution

THE GREAT witch-hunts Karen Armstrong that erupled in Europe from

> WITCHES AND NEIGHBOURS The Social and Cultural Context of European Witchcraft By Robin Briggs HarperCollins, £25

From the perspective of rational modernity, it seems that million people were executed Europe had entered a period have exaggerated the numof paranoid insanity, though bers. Persecution was minithe "witch-hunts" of the 20th mal in 75 per cent of Europe century, such as the McCarthy and the fear of witchcraft took trials, show that we are not a poor third place to the two immune to a desperate fear of main anxieties of the period: hidden enemies undermining religious deviance and poputhe fabric of society. In this learned and meticular revolt. It is also incorrect to see such famous episodes as Salem and Loudun as typical. lously researched book, Robin Briggs lays to rest many of the Usually these exaggerated modern myths about the witch scares came at the end of a craze, without in any way period of persecution and made people sceptical about diminishing its horror. He makes it clear that the old the whole phenomenon of

belief that the witches were the diabolic possession. last practitioners of ancient By carefully examining individual cases. Briggs shows pagan rituals is mistaken. Nor is it true that the witch-hunters that the persecution was a were entirely consumed by misogynistic hatred: 25 per more humdrum affair. The treatises of the professional cent of the victims were men. demonologists tended to give It is also important to see the too much emphasis to the witch-hunts in perspective: the exotic sexual element of witchcraft. In fact. witch-hunting historians who claim that nine



A contemporary illustration of the mass execution of "devil's disciples" in Holland, 1753

was chiefly confined to small early modern Europe. A goodvillages where subsistence will People depended upon one and survival were precarious. especially during this period another for survival. To turn of social and political change. away a needy neighbour or to Fear of witches had less to do refuse to co-operate in ploughwith sexual repression than ing arrangements were agwith envy, hunger, pain and gressive acts. They induced the terror of final destitution. guilt and anger which were Briggs paints a convincing readily projected onto the ofpicture of the grim struggle for fender. If illness or misfortune existence in the villages of struck one of the parties

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involved at a later date, it was economy prevailed. all loo easy to attribute it to maleficium.

Nevertheless, social causes cannot wholly account for this complex phenomenon. Briggs skilfully shows how the myths nf witchcraft were linked with fundamental human experiences of pain and anxiety, often connected with the dependency of early childhood.

They were associated with motherhood, sustenance and with oedipal relations between parents and children which had never been worked out and which, in times of stress. festered into murderous hostility. It is also sadly true that persecution of a specific enemy helps to unite a community during a crisis.

This lurid and important book is also a cautionary tale. Briggs points out that we cannot afford to feel superior to our ancestors. The present fashion for the occult shows that a significant number of people in our own society are eager to flee the constraints of logic and reason. The recent cases of alleged satanic child abuse have revived many of the old myths which, in the past, led society to persecute witches, heretics, lepers and Jews. At a time when the persecution and demonisation of enemies is on the increase in Europe, which is once again in the grip of economic, political and social crises, the scenario described by Briggs has a sinister relevance.

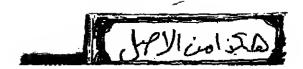
Karen Armstrong's A History of Jerusalem will be published by HarperCollins in July

now alive.

two humane thinkers at their

serving rhetoric.

feminine philosophy than for a feminine mathematics; the attempt to "feminise" the discipline can only destroy it. Not since Xanthippe and her circle have women tried to produce a genuinely feminine philosophy. providing consolation to those who live in a disenchanted world. But, as I said, the



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## Revival of the bestial bard

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the title of this entertaining study, the first of Moore for 60 years. comes from a letter to his mother. "I was born, I live, I shall die a peculiar man." he wrote. "I couldn't be commonplace, were I to try."

Tony Gray believes that his ubject - "Misunderstood Child, Absentee Landlord, Eccentric Author, Aspiring Lech-er and Prose Stylist - was not exaggerating. He also feels a certain affinity with him -"Like Moore. I think Ireland is a fatal disease from which both of us were lucky enough to escape for the greater part of our lives."

Moore escaped initially to Paris. He badly wanted to be a painter, although as he took a valet with him he was not an altogether typical denizen of the Latin Quarter.

Back in London, success as a writer proved elusive. A poem about a young man's love for a beautiful corpse ("Poor breasts! Whose nipples sins alone have fed./ Poor desecrated head!") caused one reviewer to dub him "The Bestial Bard" and recommended he be "whipped at the cart's tail."

His first novel, A Modern Lover, published in 1883, was

#### Ian McIntyre

A PECULIAR MAN A Life of George Moore By Tony Gray Sinclair-Stevenson, E20

banned by the circulating libraries as unsuitable for young ladies. When it was followed, two years later, by A Mummer's Wife, William Archer told Bernard Shaw he had been reading "a most wonderful Naturalistic book" by a new writer. Shaw, hearing the author's name, was incredulous. "Nonsense," he "said. "I know George Moore, He couldn't possibly write a real book." He also invited the mockery of Oscar Wilde:

HUGH LANE MUNICIPAL GALLERY OF MODERN AF ST. AND

An ambivalent Irishman: Max Beerbohm's cartoon of W. B. Yeats introducing Moore to the fairy queen

during a Hulot-esque bicy-cling excursion to the Boyne Moore took seven years to valley. AE was confident that the island's old pagan gods discover grammar, and then. discovered the paragraph". would manifest themselves, a

Derwent May on the latest volume of reticent autobiography from one of our finest travel writers This must be one of the ancestral lands are "pun-

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#### Alexander Chancellor on the complex charms of Florence

## Room for another view

lorence is not to everybody's taste. In fact, it is not really to mine. There is an air of dourness and melancholy about it. It is cramped and overbearing. Those massive medieval-Renaissance palaces, with their heavy rustication and thickly barred ground floor windows, look grim and joyless. The streets are 100 narrow or too wide; the squares too large or too small. It is not a comfortable city to visit. Yet people do visit it in terrifying numbers. You can hardly walk in it, let alone park in it. Who would not rather be in Rome or Venice - or

even Milan -- than in this forbidding, overcrowded place? These are thoughts I

would probably not have dared express before reading Sir Michael Levey's book. But this lover of the city - and great authority on it reveals that he is not blind to the linuis of its appeal. People do not come to Florence "for 'fun' or for a magnificent urban spectacle," he says; and if any do, "they will, in both cases, be disappointed." They come as pilgrims, "impelled by belief in, or

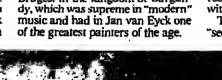
acceptance of, a cultural faith as intense and ardent as any religious one". "Almost too well do they know that they have come to encounter a unique, narrow but tremendous experience, the explosion of art and culture which we call the Renais-sance and which detonated first or most patently in Florence." Sir Michael does not undervalue

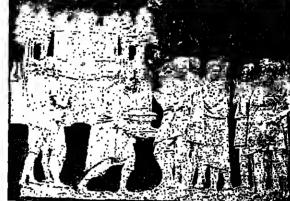
the great explosion of artistic genius which happened in Florence in the early 15th century, when Ghiberti, Brunelleschi, Donatello, Masaccio, Fra Angelico. Uccello and others suddenly leapt upon the stage, but he questions some of the myths which the Victorians generated in their excitement at discovering it. The Renaissance, he points out,

was not a purely Florentine or even Italian phenomenon, but Europe-

FLORENCE A Portrait By Michael Levey Cape, £25

wide. While 15th-century Florence had a good claim to be the cultural capital of Europe, the claim was open to challenge - especially by Bruges. in the kingdom of Burgun-





Relief by Giambologna, commissioned by Francesco di Medici (d. 1587) who opened the Uffizi as a museum

While much has been made since of the Renaissance artists" "rediscovery" of ancient Rome and Greece, author says the connection wouldn't have occurred to people at the time. It was their fresh naturalism, not their homage to the past, which astonished. "The culmination of that verismo movement is Donatello's polychromed wooden statue of St Mary Magdalene, which offends nearly all the canons, real or supposed, of classical antique sculpture, but is nevertheless typical of 15th-century Florentine ideals," he

writes. Sir Michael does not remotely seek to denigrate the great artistic flowering of 15th and 16th-century Florence, which is all the more remarkable for having mostly taken place against a background of civil

war, plague, fire, famine and frantic political upheaval, but he wishes that the modern hordes of cultural pilgrims who make the city so intolerable today would not drool over it to the exclusion of all else. Not only did the period produce some poor art as well as good (and I am glad to find Sir Michael saying that "the palaces are more monotonous and restricted in their character and beauty than is often recognised"); but good art didn't die

with Michelangelo, either. There is, the author insists, a "second" Florence which is quite unfairly neglected.

There is a widespread assumption - encouraged by the bias of most of the writing in English at least — that the best days of Florence were over by 1600. Whatever followed has to be, is sometimes openly treated as, inferior artistically, as in other ways," he writes. But, says Sir Michael, the Medici dynasty continued to sponsor architecture, painting, and sculpture of high quality right up to its extinction in 1737. The examples he gives

in this beautifully illustrated book encourage the reader to believe hint. The church of San Gaetano of 1648.

which he calls "the most cogent and the most complete answer to any lingering questions about whether post-Renaissance Florence produced any worthwhile architecture", does indeed look marvellous and has the added advantage over most Renaissance churches of actually having a completed facade. Above all, it is cheerful and exuberant.

It is just one of several mouthwatering examples Sir Michael gives of "great works of art, of architecture and sculpture especialthat are unencumbered by hordes of people, and unillustrated and unpraised, when indeed even mentioned, in the more popular type of guidebook". I will make a bee-line to them on my next visit.

ished" and driven into "vol-

uniary collaboration centres".

In Brazil he sees something of

the "near-annihilation of the

native races" in the late Sixties, and tells some stories

of terrible cruelty, sometimes

even carried out with the

collaboration of American

fundamentalist missionaries.

In fact his reports on Brazil in

If the learning process was painfully slow, it was impressively thorough. He devoured modern French and English literature, Gray writes, "with single-minded ferocity". Within a decade he had emerged not only a popular novelist but also as a subtle and imaginarive stylist.

He was a penetrating critic, too. "Why does he always avoid decisive action?" (this of Henry James). "Mr James's people live in a calm, sad and very polite twilight of volition." His admiration for Stevenson was qualified by a perceptive paradox: "He never wrote a line that failed to delight me; but he never wrote a book." Proust, he told Nancy Cunard, wrote like a man "trying to plough a field with a pair of knitting needles".

In middle life he was drawn back to his roots in Ireland. His Dublin neighbours found wim tiresome; one hired an Italian organ-grinder to play beneath his windows when he

was writing. Yeats acknowledged that it would not have been possible to establish the Irish National Theatre without Moore's knowledge of the stage, but his contribution to the frish literary revival was uneven. Gray describes him crawling into barrow graves with the poet George Russell (known as AE)

happy epiphany denied them by the untimely arrival of two Presbyterian ministers.

Moore's suggestion that The Arabian Nights should be translated into Irish led to accusations that he wished an indecent book to be put in the hands of the peasantry, and eventually he became disillusioned. "The Irish are a cantankerous, hateful race," he decided. "Only as policemen, pugilists, and priests have they succeeded, with here and there a successful lawyer".

nd the occasional writ-A er, of course: Yeats, standing lost in meditation before a congregation of white swans assembled on the lake, looking himself in his old cloak like a huge umbrella left behind by some picnic party." Moore did not achieve much with brush and palette in his Paris years, but those long evenings at Les Nouvelles Athenes, the café that was the haunt of Manet and Degas and Pissaro, had not been wasted. In the mature work -Hail and Farewell, The Brook Kerith, Heloise and Abelard - it is his painter's eye which brings the printed page alive. Tony Gray believes that his

book will lead to a general revival of interest in Moore's work. He is a fluent and persuasive advocate.

Fairweather.

THE ODESSANS

By Irina Ratushinskaya

Translated by

**Geoffrey Smith** 

Sceptre, £16.99

of three families from Odessa.

even for this brave Odessan.

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autobiography ever written. The travel writter, Norman Lewis, who keeps his eye on the world with such sharpness and tenacity, has always been sparing with information about himself even in Who's Who he fails to give his date of birth - and here we go from the outbreak of the Second World War. through travels in Guatemala, Vietnam, Thailand, Spain and Cuba and an interlude in an Essex parsonage, up to a recent visit to India, with practically no dates being provided at all. We learn hardly any more about his wives. A wonderfully vivid opening section describes the house in

weirdest chapters of

Bloomsbury where his Italian in-laws lived in a dense colony of relations, with an owl from Brescia that had "imperturbable golden eyes" feeding on live chicks in the dining room, and his fatherin-law's copies of the Sistine Chapel paintings on the ceiling. But his wife Ernestina appears in one sentence, and then goes off for the duration of the war to Guatemala. She and Lewis have a stiff though friendly conversation over breakfast in Guatemala

City about seven years later, during which he pays as much attention to a passing

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Indian with a vermilion kilt and a cage of Coca-Cola cans on his back as he does to Ernestina, and after this she finally vanishes from the story. During the Essex interlude there is a passing men-tion of another wife ("an old friend. Lesley") and some children ("born within yards

of a river, my children reached their teens without sighting a frog"), but they fade from the scene even more rapidly. What interests Norman Lewis is his travels - and it is hardly surprising. For wher-

ever he goes, drama clings to him. He cannot get on a plane without finding an executioner on it, going out to garotte someone. On a flight to Saigon, he encounters a French police officer, then meets at dinner the policeman's Vietnamese mistress, "tinkling softly with concealed jewellery as she moved about", and her friend, Chu

## Everything but the wife

Ti, a girl who has been fighting for the rebels and by contrast wears country coltons and clogs. Chu Ti has now become a

fidele-ardente of the bizarre new religion of Cao-Dai ("the Universal Religion of the Age of improved Transport"). and Lewis is able to go with her to watch a cardinal of the new faith ("with sprouting wings") come ashore in a junk adorned with plastic monkeys on the masts and a giant portrait of its chief saint. Victor Hugo. A bishop in a winged hat also leaps from the boat and tells Chu Ti she has been promoted. Lewis is blessed with such curiosity and openness that adventures like this happen to him on

almost every page. But as it proceeds his autobiography meets another difficulty. Many of his wanderings and investigations have already been writ-ten up in remarkable books. and he does not want to repeat himself. At one point after the war he went to live in a remote fishing village in Spain. His book about that, Voices of the Old Sea, is one of the most beautiful and sensitive accounts of a passing way of life that I have ever read, its characters slowly unfurling to the reader's understanding as if by a process of nature, the moods of sea and sky exquisitely evoked, and Lewis as usual hardly there except as a fine register of it all. Here he gives a little more

information about how he came to be in the village, with some characteristic touches such as the way he added up prices for the unarithmetical fishermen, but the story has really been told already. His chapter about his remarkable

Lewis: admired by Greene

book on the Mafia. The Honoured Society. is even slighter - scarcely more than a footnote. We get an amus-ing glimpse of Lewis's publisher, Jonathan Cape, who never travelled further than Eastbourne and never talked about anything else - and a depressing glimpse of Hem-ingway in his farmhouse in Cuba, slow-moving, suspicious, "pulled down by the wolves of weakness and old age".

possibly he is tired of both

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ing of an insider. There is a

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ly un-English: "a lingering

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A long poem called Velcro

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gist's eye view of the English:

Their code of justice/ roughly

translates: a tooth/ for a

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Toyota". The best poems in

Paleface are sharp and

skewed takes on our haplessly

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W.S. Graham died ten

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(Faber, £9.99) is the third book

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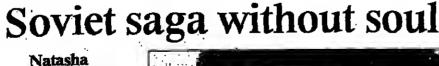
A theme, though, begins to emerge in the latter part of the book. When he goes back to Farol, the Spanish village by the sea, Lewis finds it has disappeared, obliterated by tourist hotels. In Vietnam, he watches fishermen impassively guiding tiny fish into their nets in the Black River as the French pour shells into the matted jungle above them. The destruction of ancient ways of life, usually by barbarous means, starts to preoccupy him.

The World, The World may not be Lewis's best book - but everyone who has felt. with Graham Greene, that he is "one of the best writers of our century" will undoubtedly want to read it.

WHEN the KGB arrested Irina Ratushinskaya in 1983 they were confident that she would break easily under interrogation. She seemed so small and frail, with the wideeved expression of a child. But the KGB underestimated the courage of this fervently Christian young poet. Three years into her sentence in a labour camp for "anti-Soviet agitation and propaganda", Ratushinskaya went on hunger strike. With her health deteriorating, foreign governments lobbied, pressure groups pressurised and in 1986, two days before the Reykjavik superpower summit, Ratushinskaya was freed.

A decade later, Ratushinskaya and her husband are now well ensconced in their semi in north London. They have learnt English. The trees they planted in their garden have, like their children, the ved. And yet, like other Soviet dissident writers, most notably Solzhenitzyn, robbed of a cause Ratushinskaya's muse seems to have been silenced. Having failed to publish any poetry in recent years, she has turned to writing novels.

The Odessans is the result of this chaoge of literary direc-tion. Billed by the British





Ratushinskaya: without struggle, her muse is elusive

It is an ambitious undertaking with bloodshed and war. The Union, these three families Odessa has always been Russians are facing humiliatdifferent from other cities in ing defeat in the war with the region. A free port on the Black Sea, built on the wealth Japan, revolution is brewing and, just outside Odessa harof traders and smugglers from all over the world, it was bour, the sailors on the battleship Potemkin have mutinied. always more cosmopolitan Meanwhile, the Petrov and culturally varied than children, scions of a noble other places. And it is this Russian family, have just met spirit of freedom and southern insouciance which Ratushinthe Teslenkos, a family of Polish-Ukranian extraction, skaya has tried to capture and the Jewish Geibers, against the background of the whose family were ruined in terrible political excesses of the the pogroms. It proves to be a fateful meeting for. through period. *The Odessans* begins in all the hardship which is to of Vladek Teslenko, a medical afflict Odessa and the Soviet orderly serving on the Polish

remain intimately connected. And here lies the novel's weakness. Having created an unwieldy cast of characters buffeted all over Europe by political - events. Ratushinskaya is forced to rely on coincidence and fortuitous encounters to hold her narrative together. Credible characterisation and good writing are abandoned as the

action gallops from war to civil war and back again. Take, for example, the fate

IN RUTH PADEL's new book, Fusewire (Chatto, £6,99), a series of love poems to an The style is to throw words at things and hope they stick.

The sea is "the bluest eye./ a mess of cobalt" - a nod at Toni Morrison's novel and the name of an element - while an erotic sensation is likened to "As if I'd never known red./ Hi-volt chillies/ doing pressups in a haybag of velvet". The prevailing mood is "a mad/ software breathlessness", the ardour of address sometimes flattering, more often uncomfortable to a male reader.

The excitement of these short lines, hot imagery and frequent one-word sentences is palpable, but the poems, designed for instability, effervesce rather than impress. "How could all that disappear?" Padel asks at one point. The wisdom is you have to be sober to play drunk.

Charles Boyle, in Paleface of his poems to appear posthumously. I never heard him (Faber, £6.99), writes about life and London - quite

The Sunday Times led to the foundation of the organisation Survival International. He has come to believe in the innocence of the American Indians, and is "persistently and increasingly of the opinion that Voltaire was right" with his theory of the Noble Savage. n the last chapter he tells a sympathetic young Brahmin how as a boy in Wales he was always crossing the mountains looking for a wilder valley. and in the closing sentences of the book he confides what drives him now: "I'm looking for the people who have always been there, and belong to the places where they live. The others I do not wish to see." In Guatemala, which he says is "ruled by 14 rich families", he sees "a vast tragedy" spreading through the mountains as the Indian villagers who had been calling for the return of their Simple

tremendously touching vocal quality in his poems. The words keep insisting on being no more than themselves, but what looks like a voguish intellectual gambit is actually nothing of the sort, and more a childlike scrupulousness. It is more a type of giving than a type of denial. "The words are mine." he writes, "the thoughts are all/ Yours as they occur behind/ The bat of your vast unseen eyes." But it is more lasting than bronze, as the poet said.

Graham lived most of his life in Cornwall and his poems To Roger Hilton's Watch. The Thermal Stairs (to Peter Lanyon) or Dear Brvan Winter both commemorate and recall his friends among the Cornish naive or abstract painters. It is rare to find anything as nakedly affecting as Dear Bryan Winter: "This is only a note/ To say how sorry 1 am/ You died." He remembers a visit to London and a meeting with Eliot, and ends with sumptuous humility and oddity: "Between the big buildings/ I sat like a flea crouched/ In the stopped works of a watch." He should be read - they don't make them like him any more.

read, and wish I had: there is a MICHAEL HOFMANN Tomorrowic Woold 1910an Noucousta

front in 1915. In the space of 22 pages Vladek meets and parts with his best friend Pavel Petrov, then runs into Pavel's sister Zina, whom he has always loved. Vladek marries

her, adopts an orphan, and watches Zina die of typhus, before he himself is abandoned in Poland by the author and is only once heard of again. Cliches and schmaltzy love scenes thrive under this

kind of narrative stress.

RATUSHINSKAYA has also been ill-served by her translator who, making no attempt at consistency of style, puts contemporary slang ("hunky dory", "bonking", "faffing around") into the mouths of turn-of-the-century characters, yet simultaneously peppers the text with anachronisms such as "yon-

der" and "of yore". Muscovites responded apathetically to the publication of the Russian edition of The Odessans last month. Perhaps they sensed that this readable, but unremarkable novel lacked that quality for which Ratushinskaya was previously famed: soul.

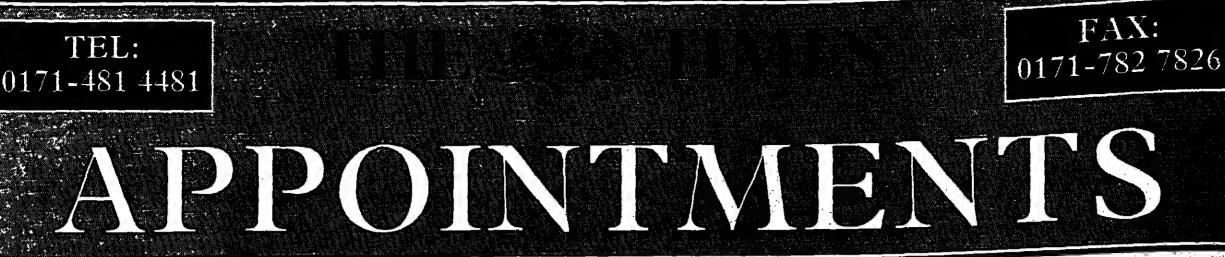
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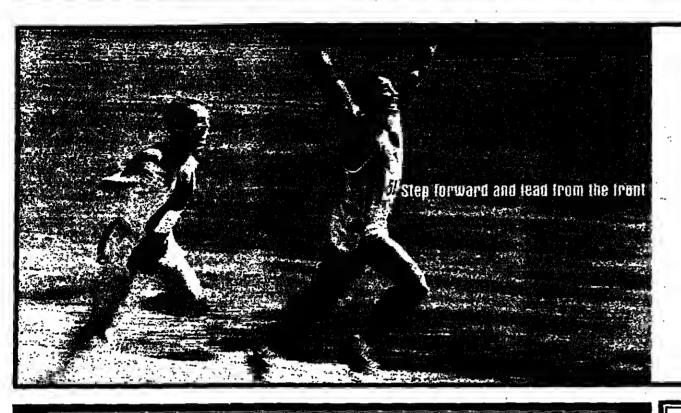
trish Republican are spliced together with historical poems things on the colonisation of Ireland. The book has a thrillerish atmosphere, and the poems are best make a point of filtering in the sex and politics of ordinary life. Even Radio 3 here, offers love songs from Azerbaijan". POETRY

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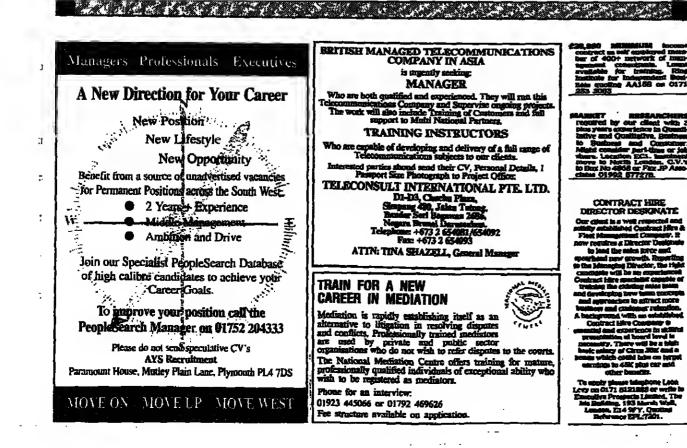
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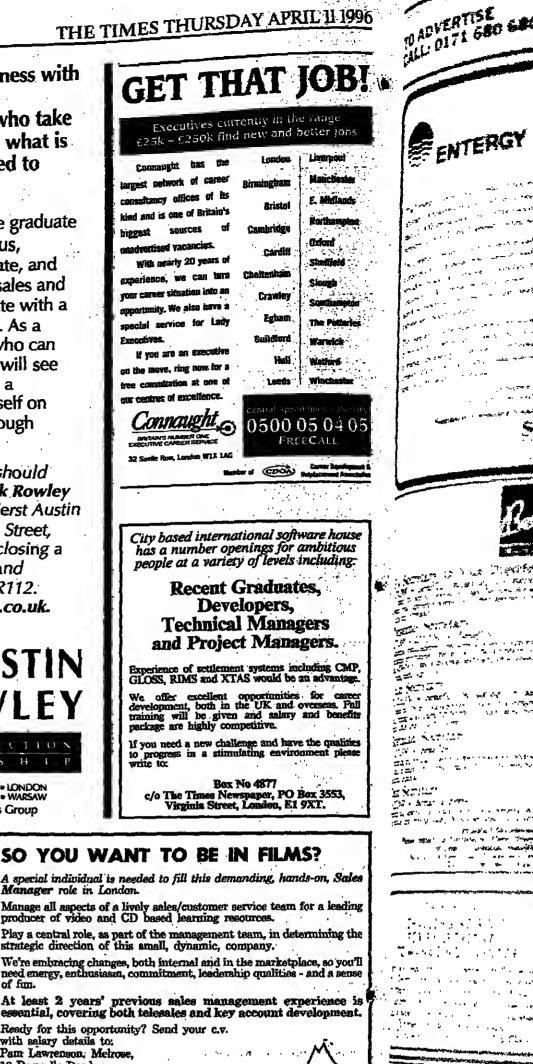
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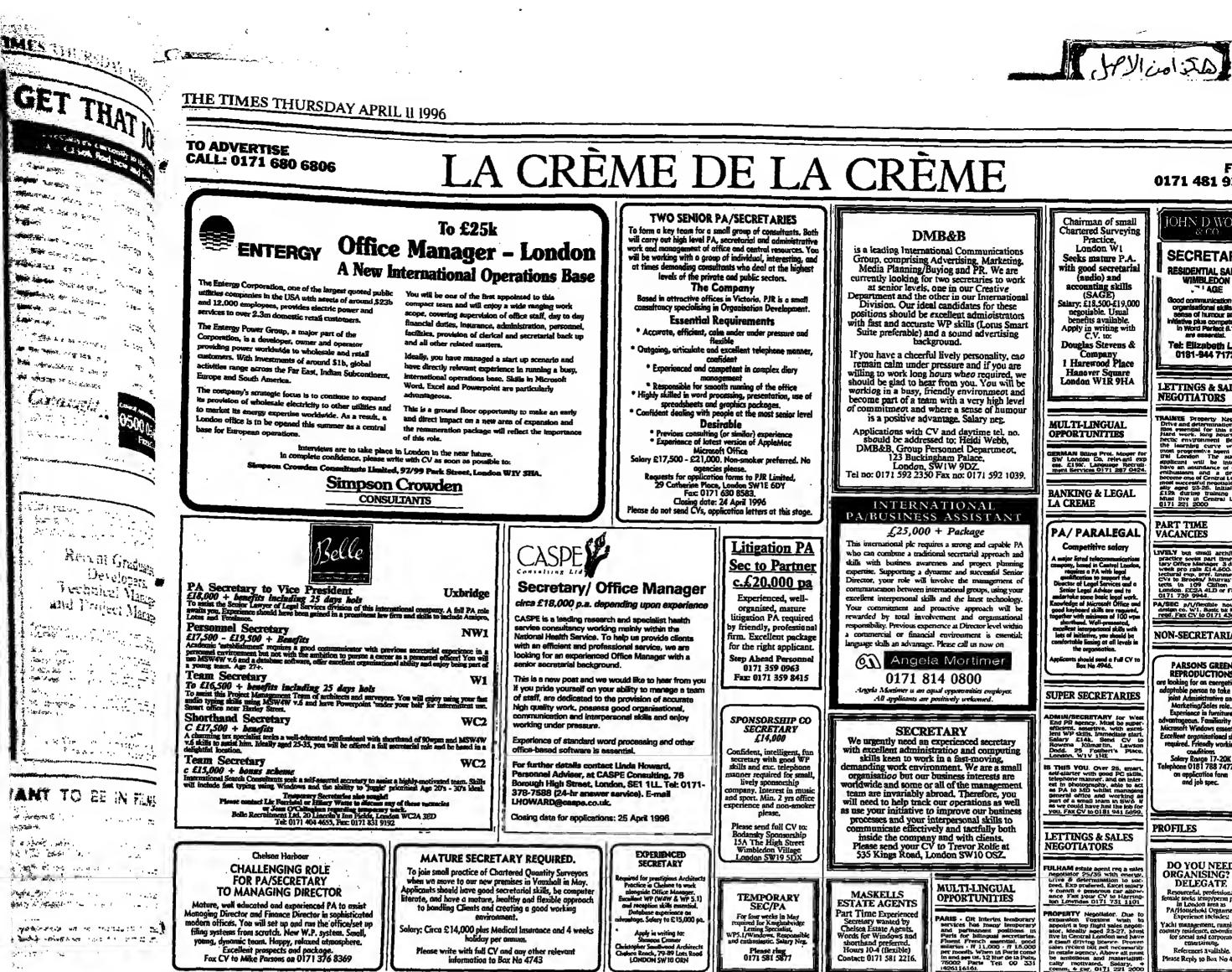
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AFTER the frenzied activity on Newmarket Heath yesterday, the classic countdown contin-ues on pastures 3,500 miles distant this morning when Godolphin's best three-yearolds are tested against the clock in Dubai

Mark Of Esteem and Bint Shadayid, prime candidates for the 2,000 and 1,000 Guineas respectively, head a team of horses to be vigorously galloped on the training track adjacent to Godolphin's Al Quoz stables. The times they post will largely determine the

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standard of race they will contest on their return to Britain later this month. With the string set to arrive within days of the Newmarket classics, these private trials equate to a series of strenuous racecourse gallops for Godol-phin's lightly-raced string. Lanfranco Dettori, who rode work in Newmarket yesterday, immediately left for Dubai to join a quartet of work riders, completed by Richard Hills, Bryn Crossley and John Williams. The latter two are now indentured to Godolphin. "It is important we have riders who are familiar with the track here at Al Quoz," Simon Crisford, Godolphin's racing manager, said yesterday. "It is very different to riding work in a straight line on grass. The times of the gallops are crucial to our training programme and experienced riders are instru-



The grey Bint Shadayid, who won at Goodwood last August, is among the classic prospects taking part in time trials in Dubai today

mental if we are to interpret them accurately."

Godolphin's glittering sucbend over seven furlongs on cesses in Britain last season dirt. Starting from stalls, each their runners landed three group will be led by a proven classics and finished third and older horse which is capable of fourth in the other two setting specific fractions. At alerted an unsuspecting pubstrict weight-for-age lerms, it lic to the stable's potential. will require a three-year-old of above-average ability to collar Both Mark Of Esteem and Bint Shadayid were well supthe lead horse. ported for the classics last The desert stable, at present month when it emerged they 85-strong, will be culled to half had pleased connections in that number for Godolphin's their preparatory work. annual trip to its base at Moulton Paddocks in New-Most of this morning's ac-

tivity will see teams of four market. "We are already prethorses galloping around one ty clear in our minds which horses will be on that plane." Crisford said. "Everything is on schedule. "We know exactly what each

horse has been doing, every day, going back months," he continued. "The work will test a few of them for speed and some may not make it. Much of the exercise centres around Mark Of Esteem, who has been doing well. But he must work well to book his place in the 2000 Guineas."

Among the horses ridden by Dettori at Newmarket yesterday was Maid For The Hills. Trained by David Loder. Maid For The Hills is expected

another in action yesterday, She could clash with Maid For The Hills on Tuesday. In other workouts yester-

day. Bosra Sham, trained by Henry Cecil, attracted favourable comment after finishing her gallop strongly. Pat Eddery was on hand to partner Bright Water, a fullbrother to Tenby, Other Cecil Derby candidates sighted on the Heath were Dushyantor

Flying Gunner has valuable prize in sights CHELTENHAM

### **CHANNEL 4**

2.30: Not a race to get involved with from a betting point of view, with doubts about all four runners. Mole Board was pulled up in the Stayers' Hurdle here last month and, at 14, is surely past his prime. Top-class chaser Bradbury Star has a tremendous record over fences here, but has not been

seen since struggling into second behind Grange Brake at Chepstow in December and may need the run, while Hops And Pops needs to improve. That leaves Boro Eight to

land the spoils. He has not been at his best this season, but was far from disgraced when fourth to Urubande at Aintree and a reproduction of that form should suffice.

3.05: Viking Flagship, who returned to his best when trouncing Sound Man at Aintree, should have linle trouble here. Travado, 64 lengths beind Viking Flagship when the pair were second and fourth in the Champion Chase here. makes more appeal than Gales Cavalier, who is unlikely to stay.

3.40: Strong Promise will be all the rage here after failing by a neck to catch Urubande at Aintree, but the handicapper has taken no chances with him and he looks as one to oppose. The progressive Tara Rambler, an easy winner at Doncaster, and Uncle Keeny, who possibly failed to

erence is for Flying Gunner. who was cruising when fall-ing three out at Newbury last month and may have been let in lightly on his handicap debut. 4.15: General Rusty may have just needed the run, his first for five months, when fourth at Untoxeter recently. Nonetheless, he is handicapped up to his best and may find a couple too good here. Big Ben Dun overcame an absence of nearly three years when winning at Folkestone, but this is a much stronger contest. Proud Sun has had problems with his jumping in humer chases this season. but proved his ability to complete the course here hunter's at the Festival, and

when fourth in the Foxis potentially well handi-capped. With Grand National-winning jockey Mick Fitzgerald taking over the reins today, he is well worth an interest.

**ROBERT WRIGHT** 

## 'Flapping' owners banned for ten years

OWNERS Patricia Hamilton and Jim McDonald were yesterday each warned off for ten years by the Jockey Club after a "flapping" inquiry. They were declared disqualified per-

sons for their involvement with Pretty Average, a winner last year at Thirsk. who was found to have run in unlicensed races in Scotland under the name of Short'N' Sweet.

An expected lengthy inquiry by the disciplinary commitee into the case was in fact concluded in under two hours after McDonald and Hamilton both Pipe, said: "The stewards of the disciplinacknowledged that they were in breach of

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involvement with flapping horses, including the running of another flapper -Hotspur - under Rules by the name of Bluefaulds in 1995.

Pretty Average was a well-backed 20-1 winner of the Rocom Selling Handicap on July 29 last year for trainer Basil Richmond, who was cleared of any breach of the rules prior to the inquiry. An involvement with flappers usually

carries a penalty of disqualification from ownership for 12 months. But Jockey Club director of public affairs. David ary committee viewed this as an extremebeen entered to run in flapping races this weekend. This is thought to have brought proceedings to a hastier conclusion. Hamilton had previously denied that the declined to comment after the bearing. Tyrone Williams bad a four-day ban

for careless riding extended by a day after an onsuccessful appeal. The jockey incurred the suspension riding Backview for trainer Bernard Llewellyn at Wolverhampton on April 2 - the horse finished first in the Thorpe Vernon Handicap but was placed third.

The Jockey Club disciplinary commit-

to test the water in the Nell Gwyn Stakes at Newmarket on Tuesday. Her showing will give Loder a valuable pointer. Blue Duster, second favourite for the 1,060 Guineas behind Bosra Sham, also hails from the Loder stable. She is projected to contest the fillies' classic without a prep race. Dance Sequence, thrice be-

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### Great and good of golf gather to celebrate another expression of mastery

## Hope springs eternal at wintry Augusta

FROM JOHN HOPKINS GOLF CORRESPONDENT IN AUGUSTA

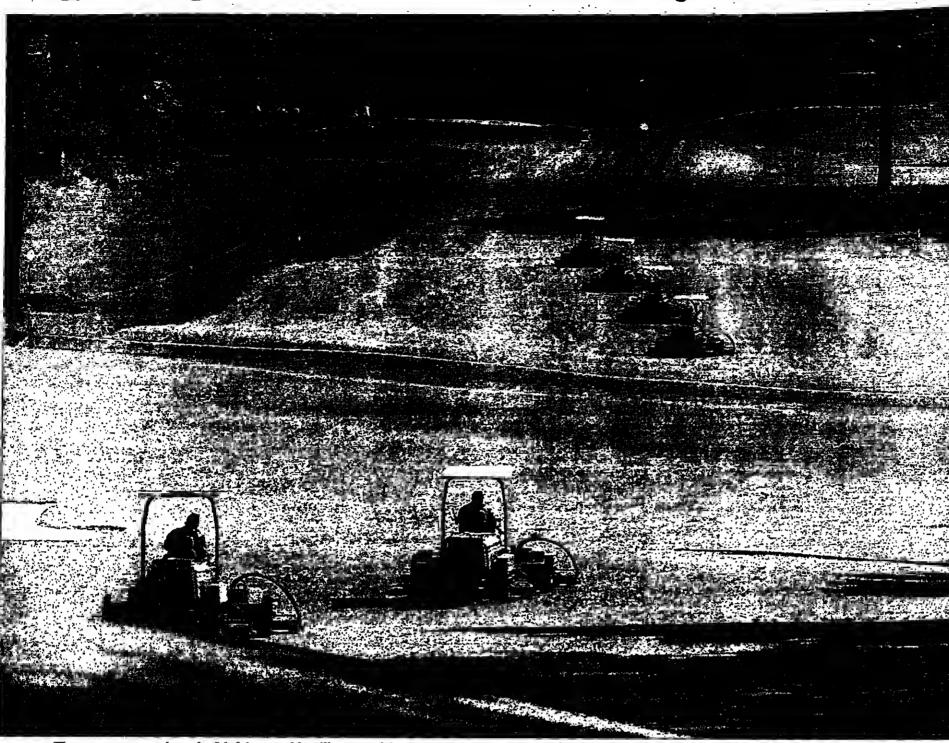
THE front of the wooden clubhouse at Augusta Nat-ional Golf Club here in Georgia is where the dignitaries arrive, sweeping up Magnolia Lane in cars as long as a Tiger Woods drive and curving around the flowerbed before coming to a halt. But it is around the back of the white. two-storey building where the course begins its headlong plunge nearly 200 feet towards Amen Corner that it all happens.

There, on a patch of greensward as big as a village green, is an enclosure bounded by a thin green rope. All competitors must pass by on their way from the lockerrooms to the putting green or the 1st tee, or from the 18th green back to the clubhouse. This is the most select enclosure in the game. This is where everyone who is anyone gathers during Masters golf. If you are in golf and you cannot get a pass to be in here.

you are not in golf. Yesterday, on the eve of the sixtieth Masters, a weak sun shone on this scene from a sky as clear as gun-metal. It had snowed 200 miles to the north, Amen Corner was far from a riot of azaleas, cherry blossom and white dogwood. The 3rd did not live up to its name, Flowering Peach, nor were there many flowering crab apples in evidence on the 4th. Now a binng wind was marking the last gasps of winter. An oak tree as old as America spread itself benevolently over the enclosure and, beneath it, old-timers said that never in living memory had its branches been so bare of

Suddenly, there was a stir. Over there, cornered by a posse of journalists as he entered the enclosure from the course, was Gary Player. He was holding forth on the question of age. "Here I am at 60 and I walk around as if I was 20," he was saying. "I may be 60 in age but I am 45 in body.

Nearby was a member of the Royal and Ancient in blazer, club tie and grey flannels, a touch of British sobriety in a riot of colours. A courtesy car had been sent to the club to collect him and his wife and, on setting out of the car, he had muttered to the driver. sotto voce: "I don't suppose I could slip you a couple of dollars." The driver bellowed his answer: "Don't bother to slip them to me. buddy." Severiano Ballesteros came striding through after his round with Player. His 39th birthday on Tuesday had not gone unnoticed, nor had Gordon Sherry's 22nd the previous day. Carmen Ballesteros had bought her husband some swimming trunks. "Too



The mowers move along the 8th fairway with military precision at Augusta in preparation for the Masters, which begins today. Photograph: Phil Sandlin

bright." Ballesteros said when he saw them.

fax. The next day a fax reached Now a journalist was ques-Ballesteros from Olazabal. tioning him about his swing. "Play natural," Olazabal, the Nick Faldo says you should 1994 champion, urged the go and rent a house at Lake man whose travails are in Nona and see Lead [David Leadbetter, Faldo's coach, danger of eclipsing his triumphs. "Forget all the bad who teaches there] for as things. long as it takes to sort From just outside the enclo-

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Latvians an equaliser.

scramble.

thritis in both feet, a cheery the most manicured grass in golf. They've cut the fairways back towards us again this year." Colin Montgomerie explained, breaking off from cating low-cholesterol fat-free salad with his wife. Eimear. who has also shed a dramatic amount of weight

light," Montgomerie said. The ball rolls less. It makes the course about 15 yards longer than it used to." Spectators gathered īп

groups around white plastic tables. drinking in the scene. ment from them. Waiters hurried hither and yon, bearing trays of drinks. Menus swayed in the gentle "When you stand on the 1st wind. The winner, the man it has worked out. A gathering

early on Sunday evening, had passed by, perhaps with no more than a second glance at the knots of people gathered inside the enclosure and perhaps with little acknowledge-

This was the way Bobby Jones had wanted it, and Jones being Jones. this was the way

someone of Brendon's quality joining us." the Surrey chief

executive, Paul Sheldon, said,

Dave Gilbert, the coonty's

cricket manager, who is also

an Australian, said: "Brendon

has immense talent and his

all-round skills will make him

an integral part of the team."

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THE British Isles rugby union team will next year play in a South African township\_for South Annual townsup for the first time since apartheid was abolished, as part of a campaign to spread the game, to the black community. The game, against an Eastern Province Invitation XV, will be at Korsten, outside Port Eliza-beth, on May 24. It will be the first Lions visit

to South Africa since 1980 and the team, chosen from players from England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland, will play three games against. South Africa, the world champions, in Cape. Town on June 21, Durban on June 28 and Johan nesburg on July 5.

Poser for Wigan

Rugby league: Wigan could struggle to keep Jason Robinson, the Great Britain wine. away from the clutches of the Australian Rugby League (ARL), even though the player has said he wants to stay at the club. At a reported EL1 mil-lion, a four-year deal for Robinson, 21, was the ARL's heaviest single outlay in ES.4 million spent on luring nine British-based players at the height of the battle with Super

League a year ago. Robinson is due to join an unspecified. ARL club when his contract expires at Wigan in June next year. The problem for the financially-pressed club is its inability to match or come anywhere near the ARL deal.

#### Late shock

Squash: The newly-crowned British Open champion, Jansher Khan, withdrew at the last moment from the final of the Squash Tour 96 Mutualite Francaise suffering from back pain and blisters. Khan had been scheduled to play Jonathan Power, of Canada, yesterday, but his management company, Advantage International, informed the Professional Squash Associ-

out your swing. What do you think?" Ballesteros stiffened and looked his questioner long and hard in the eye. He had heard such suggestions again and again. "I have no comment on that," he said

María Olazábal, his countryman. to be at the dinner for the

Ballesteros had wanted Josè

international players held in the clubhouse and, in a gesture of support, the players that night decided to send Olazabal, at home in Spain suffering from rheumatoid ar-

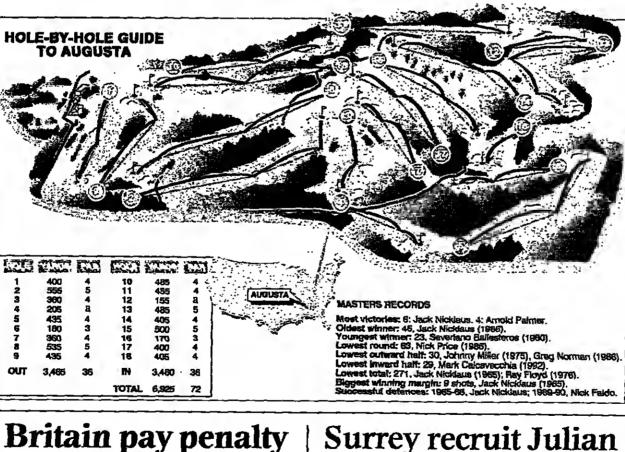
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### Surrey recruit Julian as overseas player

Britain then enjoyed a purple Great Britain ..... patch, with Richard Strachan and Mike Bishop scoring in 

for indiscipline

the space of seven seconds. GREAT BRITAIN showed On both goals, Andrei Zinkov, the Latvian goaltend-er, was at fault. Clearly concerned, the Latvians some of their old failings in the opening game of pool B in the world ice hockey championbrought on Juris Klodans and ships in Eindhoven yesterday, his fine saves meant that incurring far too many penal-ties in their defeat (Norman de Latvia did not concede a goal for the rest of the match.

The winning goal came on Sergei Boldavesko and the eighth occasion that the Vjaceslav Fanduls struck. Latvians enjoyed a manpower however, to ensure that the second period ended with the advantage and saw Alexander teams tied at 5-5. In the final Belavskis score from his own rebound after a goalmouth period, the better-organised Latvians held Britain at bay The Latvians had opened and the one Belavskis goal

proved enough. the scoring in the seventeenth The Latvians showed far minute, only for Paul Adey to more skill, but their shooting sink his own rebound after a defensive mix-up 33 seconds let them down, particularly later. Early in the second period, Graham Garden gave when, for two minutes early in the game, they had a two-man Britain the lead for the first advantage on which they. failed to capitalise.

time. Too much emphasis on The one British player to attack, however, allowed the come out of the game with his Yet another penalty enabled Alex Macijevskis to regain the reputation untarnished was Stephen Foster, the young Durham goaltender, who lead for Latvia, but Steve made several outstanding saves, particularly in the third period. Moria took advantage of a rare Latvian penalty to bring the scores level once again.

SURREY. disappointed in their attempt to recruit the South Africa Test cricketer. Brian McMillan, announced yesterday that they had signed Brendoo Julian, 25, the Australia fast bowler, as their overseas player for the coming season. The Western Australia left-

Colin Stuart a young Guy-ana fast bowler, captured armer made his Test debut against England at Old three wickets for 35 runs in a Trafford in 1993, the first of fiery spell as New Zealand reached 146 for six on the seven appearances for his country. second day of their three-day He has played in more than match against a West Indies

50 Sheffield Shield matches Board XI in Kingstown, St since his debut against Tas-Vincent. mania in 1989-90 and last Despite Stuart's efforts, the New Zealanders are still in a season took 46 wickets at 28.85 runs apiece, nine of them strong position to force a coming in the drawn Shef-field Shield final against victory, having an overall lead of 306 with four wickets South Australia. remaining.

McMillan had agreed to sign for two years but the XI for 158, most of the damage move was blocked by Ali being done by Chris Cairns, Bacher, managing director of the Nottinghamshire allthe United Cricket Board of rounder, who took five for 29 from 14 overs. Dion Nash

South Africa. Julian has been signed on a one-year contract, leaving Surrey with the option of reengaging Waqar Younis, of Pakistan, for 1997.

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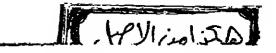
#### Bad fall

Cycling: Wilfried Nelissen, the Belgian champion, broke his leg in a fall during a race yesterday and will probably miss the rest of the season. Nelissen fell during the Ghent-Wavelgem road race across western Belgium. The injury might keep him out of racing for at least a year.

#### Kirui hurt

Athletics: Ismael Kirui, the world 5,000 metres gold medal-winner, has pulled out of the BUPA International 5km road race in Portsmouth on Saturday. Kirui, due to face many top Britons, injured his leg last weekend when running in Switzerland.

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## Giggs excused international duty Wales experiment as Gould looks beyond old guard

#### BY RUSSELL KEMPSON

BOBBY GOULD has always done things his way, no matter the quizzical looks and raised eyebrows, and he remained true to form yesterday when he announced his Wales squad for the international football match against Switzerland in Lugano on April 24. No Ryan Giggs. who is being allowed to concentrate on his Manchester United commitments, no Mark Hughes, no lan Rush, and, most surpris-

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ing, no Neville Southall. Gould, as he prepares for his fifth match in charge, has decided it is time to try a few options. He knows what Giggs. Hughes and Rush can do and he knows that Southall, even at 37, will play an integral role in the World Cup group seven qualifying cam-paign, which starts in San Marino on June 2.

The trip to Switzerland is his last opportunity to see what the fringe members of his squad have to offer, especially the younger ones, with Danny Coyne. of Tranmere Rovers.

and Andy Marrion, of Wrexham, taking over the goalkeeping duties. Southall, who has 85 caps, will still travel with the party as part of the coaching team.

"I think the time has come for common sense to prevail," Gould, who replaced Mike

SQUAD

WALES PARTY: A Mamoti (Wretham), O Coyne (Tranmere Rovers), S Janidins (Hudderstield Town), K Symons (Man-chester City), C Coleman (Blockburn Rovers), R Page (Wattord), M Bowen (Norwich City), B Horne (Everion), M Pembridge (Shettiett Wednesday), J Goss (Norwich City), V Jones (Wenbie-don), G Speed (Leeds United), A Lagge (Birmingham City), J Robertson (Charl-ton Athletic), J Hartson (Arsena), O Saunders (Galatasanay), N Blake (Bolton Wenderers), G Taylor (Shetfield United)

Smith as manager in August last year, said. "We are approaching a very important time for both Wales and for me, and we have to see how some of these lads get on in the heat of battle,

"Some players seem to have

### 'Cheerful' Busst must wait for surgery

DAVID BUSST, the Coventry City defender, must wait until oext week for surgery to repair the compound fracture of his right leg that he sustained on Monday in his side's defeat at Manchester United. Busst, described as "remarkably cheerful", was back in theatre at Hope Hospital, Salford, yesterday, when surgeons checked the wound

Busst, 28, can expect to remain in hospital for at least ten days and the operation to pin the broken bone will take place once swelling has gone down. Raymond Ross, a consultant orthopaedic' surgeon, said vesterday: "This is a serious injury but David is bearing up well. We will

Steve Harkness, 24, of Liverpool, who sustained a broken leg in a challenge by John Salako, of Coventry, said he "bore no grudge" against the player, despite the injury robbing him of a chance to play in the FA Cup Final agamst Manchester United next month. Harkness said: "I can't bear him any grudges - tackling is part of my game." fused to give refunds after the abandonment of their game against Aberdeen on Tuesday

night when floodlights failed. Instead, they will offer free entry when the match is replayed on Tuesday. NORTHERN IRELAND PARTY (v Sweden,

just assumed they would be selected, but there are times when you have to experiment. It is our last competitive game before we get involved in the World Cup."

After the 3-0 defeat against ttaly in Terni, near Rome, in January, Gould needs to ex-plore every possibility. Wales were outplayed so comprehensively that it was difficult to feel optimistic about their World Cup prospects in a group which also includes Holland, Belgium and Turkey.

Robert Page, 21, the Watford defender, and Andrew Legge, 29. the Birmingham City midfield player, are included in the senior squad for the first

Vinnie Jones, the Wimble-don midfield player, returns from suspension, having been sent off in the 1-0 defeal by Georgia in the European championship qualifier in Cardiff last June.

Vinnie now has the chance to continue the good sequence of form he is in at the moment," Gould said. "He is playing very well and has cleaned up his act. He was told, in no uncertain terms, that he had to." Jooes, 3t, asked Wimbledon

for a transfer in December, after losing his place in the side. However, after returning to the first team and playing a leading part in the club's revival, he has indicated that he might like to stay after all. "I love a challenge and the passion is back," he said. Plymouth Argyle and the city council have plans for a new £25 million stadium to seat 23,000. It is to be built on land near Argyle's Home Park

termis tournament yesterday. Sampras, the No I seed, was joined in the second round by his fellow American, Michael ground. Plymouth are expected to re-Chang, the No2 seed, who defeated Marcos Ondruska, of ceive funding from the Grounds Improvement Trust and the European Union. Brighton and Hove Albion

could remain at the Goldstone Ground for another year. The club had ruled this out after



rushing it because I wanted to finish off the match quickly." said Sampras, who is seeking to regain the Nol ranking from Thomas Muster, of Austria, this week. "I sat down and told myself to keep my composure and that's what I

did.' Sampras now takes on Pat-rick Rafter, of Australia, a wild-card entry. "Il will be a different match against Pat-rick," he said. "Against Sebastian, we both stayed back, but t'll have to take it differently against Patrick. Hopefully, if 1

overcame the loss of an early service break to pin down Ondruska, who is ranked No 103 in the world, with powerful groundstrokes.

Ondruska had beaten Chang in the 1993 Lipton tournament and the American admitted that defeat played on his mind. "I thought about it a little bit because I was defending champlon at Lipton when he beat me, as I am here," Chang said. "I was trying to get a good rhythm out there and, after the first set, I played a bit better." Chang now meets

#### **SPORT**



rom his official residence, an English country house incongruously set amid the high ise modernity of Seoul, Tom Harris, Britain's ambassador, can see exactly what South Korea would do with the World Cup 2002. It is general etection day in Seoul, and 50 days from a vote which the former prime minister. Dr Lee Hong Koo. has said is more important to his country than the political ballot.

Harris can understand the point. "This country has a great ability to set itself national targets. I saw the willpower they invested into the 1988 Olympic Games. which marked the transition from military authority to democracy. The World Cup would signal the arrival of Korea as one of the world's

most developed nations." South Korea contests the 2002 bid against Japan oo June I. "A World Cup comes ooce in a lifetime," Dr Lee, who left the office of prime minister four months ago and is now chairman of the World Cup bidding commit-tee, said. "If we get the World Cup, I consider it will not be to South Korea, but to the Korean peninsula. 1 would invite senior North Korean statesmen to have a discussion on this. It really

expression of achievement made in the last two decould be a breakthrough." cades. It is a summation of He speaks of unification, their national pride, and it would show the world just how far this country has of the elusive missioo which he attempted as prime minister, and which he felt he come. was close to achieving until the North Korea leader, Kim Il Sung, died of a heart attack. Lee refuses, despite threats of war emanating from north of the demilitarised zone, to accept that a coming together of the two Koreas is beyond ques-tion. Furthermore, he thinks sport could succeed where

"In the 1960s, they had a lower per capita income than Sudan or Uganda. Today, they are advancing so quickly that they will soon pass the per capita income of even top European nations, like the Uni-ted Kingdom and Italy. You have lo understand this when you look at the background, to what they would make of the World Cup at the start of the next

governing body, that he should seriously consider helping "world peace" by supporting Korea's bid. Lee knew, of course, that course. that Havelange had publicly supported Japan for years. And yet in Korea. South Korea at any rate, there remains a tonging both for the sport that millions play every day and for the poten-

World Cup to go to Korea. President Kim Young Sam.

facing a difficult election for

his party, added his support to the bid, and his belief that it would "significantly change Korea's destiny".

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er country wins Asia's first World Cup, we are

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separate politics from sport.

The best we can hope, in these days of billion-pound

sporting ventures, is that the

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Harris, an observer of the

Far East for more than 20

years, said: "Korea are

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continue to monitor him closely in preparation for surgery." Ross believes that it will take up to six months for the fracture to heal and a year before Busst is playing again.

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	AMERICAN LEAGUE: Boston 9 Minnesota 1, New York 7 Kansas City 3, Toronto 5 Celifornia 0; Detroit 10 Seattle 9; 7avas 3	BELL'S SCOTTISH LEAGUE: Pramier division: Partick 0 Abardeen 0 (abandoned after 39 minutes).	Participation of the second se	Wills Corroon Hibernia Cup Royal Navy 12 RAF 14				
	California 0; Detroit 10 Sealtile 9; 7axas 3 Chrcago 2; Milwaulue 10 Califand 4 Postponed: Cleveland v Baltimore.	BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Southern division: Forest Green 3 Cindenford 1 Midland division: Postponed: Buckingham	Buenos Arrest.	Royal Navy: Tries: White, Cross. Con: Eyre. RAF: Try: Underwood: Pens: Lazenby				
, č	BASKETBALL	Town v Bury Town. ICES LEAGUE: Premier division; Hendon 3 Wonthing 0. Second division: Cheshunt 0	COPA BRASIL: second round, second leg: Remo 1 Constituans 1 (1-1 on agg. Comitinans win on array goals).	SUPER 12 TOURNAMENT: Otago 33 V Natal 32 (at Ounadin).		RIDGE CORRESPONDENT	BY RAYMONO KEENE CHESS CORRESPONDENT	White: Ruth Sheldon Black: Steve Mannion
	NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): New Jensey 94 Detroit 111, New York 97 Boston 93: Denver 98 LA Lakers 91; Houston 90	Ware 2 FA YOUTH CUP: Semi-final, first leg: West Harn 2 Wimbledon 1.	Isle of Wight festival: Bishop Auckland 0 Havant 1, West Tyne 1 Wellingborough 1:	SQUASH	may be able to make discards	in one of the suits to be used as	Menchik success	Menchik Memorial, 1996
	Vancouver 84, Mawaukse 96 Toronko 102, Phoenex 91 Pontand 98: Sacramento 95	LEAGUE OF WALES: Postponed: Inter Cambrid y Brition Ferry.	Gateshead 0 Reading 1, Sheffiald 0 United States Region (2) 2, Doncaster 2 Vale of White Horse 1, Auty 1, Maidstone 0;	RECKLINGHAUSEN, Germany; Euro- pean under-19 championships; Finels;	This hand from the 1996 Ma	he more dangerous entries first. alta Bridge Festival is a good	The Vera Menchik Memorial	Benko Gambit
· ·	Dallas 86. PARIS: European club championship: Semi-finals: Panathinaikos 61 CSKA (Mos-	SMIRNOFF IRUSH LEAGUE: Premier di- vision: Crusaders 1 Bangor 0; Glanevon 1 Cittorville 1, Linfield 0 Portadown 1. First	SCHOOLS MATCHES: English Schools ScHOOLS MATCHES: English Schools Iske of Wight festwal: Bishop Auckland 0 Havant 1, West Tyne 1 Welingkorough 1: Gateshead 0 Reading 1, Sheffield 0 United Sutes Region (21 2: Doncaster 2 Vale of White Horsa 1, Bury 1 Maldistane 0: Brinstley Hill 0 Leeds 3, Doverty 6 East Berks 1, Manchester 6 Andover 2: Stock- port 0 Gosport 1, Graveshern 2: East Domast 1: Percent 3, Lucon 0: Nie at	RECKLINGHAUSEN, Germany: Euco- pean under-19 champlonships: Friels: Boys: L. Beachtil (Yorks) beat J. Russell (Yant) 9-1, 9-3, 9-2. Girls: J. Thacker (Yorks) beat T. Shenton (Staffs) 5-9, 9-6, 10-9, 9-2.	example. Dealer East Game al	I Match-pointed pairs	tournament in Newcastle re- sulted in a great success for	2 c4 c5 3 d5 b5 4 cxb5 a6
1.0	cow) 71, Barcelona 76 Heel Macho bo.	division: Carnok 1 Lame 0. BANKS'S BREWERY LEAGUE: Premier division: Hill Top 2 Ludiow 2.	Don U Gustoon I, Gravesnern 2 Ess. Carnwall I; Pymouth 3 Lution 0; Isle of Wight 3 Rotherham 1, Pearborough 0 South Tynesele 5; Blackburn 1 Huntingdon 2. English echools Jersey feetival: Behop Auckleind 2 Gravesham 1; Hackney 1 Reading 2; Barking 1 Phymouth 1; Jensey A 1 Chiltiam 2; Gloucester 0 Maidetone 0; Thrumate 2 Alexadore 2; Word Comment 1; Hansey A	TENNIS	AJ98		two British players. Ruth Shel- don, 15, secured a women's	5 f3 axb5
•	ship: Men: Scotland 76 Northern Iteland 86; Wales 75 England 117. Women: Scotland 65 Northern Ireland 35.	division: Hill Top 2 Ludlow 2. AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First	South Tyneside 5; Blackburn 1 Huntingdon 2: English schools Jersey festival: Bishop 4: strand 2: Creations 1: Hadrand 1				grandmaster result while Su-	6 e4 Qa5+ 7 Bd2 b4 8 Na3 d6
	CYCLING	division: Hall CODE COMPARE AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Ansanal 2 Normoth C, Charlton 1 Millwall 1: Queens Park Rangers 2 Crystal Palace 0 Second division: Cardill 1	Reading 2, Barking 1 Plymouth 1; Jersey A 1 Chiltern 2, Gloucester 0 Maidctone 0;	P Fleunen (Fr) bi O Ogorodov (Uzb) 5-7, 6- 2, 6-3, J Van Herek (Bel) bi A Janyd (Swe) 7, 6, 6-3, M Blancets (India) to 8 Smeth	<b>₽</b> Q52		san Lalic notched up a perfor- mance equivalent to an	9 No4 Qd8 10 Bd3 e6
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	Galdakano, 196km): 1, P Casalina tar (1) Shr 12mm 01sec; 2, M Fondriest (1) same time; 3, A Olano (Sp) at 2sec; 4, M Ganetil	PONTING CENTRAL LEAGUE: First di- vision: Carby 3 Birmingham C 1, Leads 1 Wolverhampion 0, Liverpool 1 Notim Forest 0; Sheffield Wed 3 Tranmere 4; Second 0; Sheffield Wed 3 Tranmere 4; Second	ICE HOCKEY	(Bel) 6-4, 6-4; B Black (2011) Di L Paes (India) 3-8, 6-3, 7-5. Second round: J-P Fleunan (Fr) bt J Van Herck (Bel) 6-1, 6-4. S	+872 +105	+QJ64	Chess Federation scale.	13 0-0 0-0 14 Qc2 Nbd7
	(Switz) at 4, 5, D Garcia (Sp); 6, 5 Deca Santa (It) all same time. Overall positions:	field 0 Coventry 3, Sunderland 0 Hull 0.	NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Calgary 3 Dailas 4 (OT)	DELH: Man's bournament: First round: J- P Flaumen (Fr) bi O Opprodov (Jzb) 5-7, 6- 2, 6-3, J Van Herek (Bei) bit A Janyd (Swe) 7-6, 6-3, M Bitupeth (Indie) bit 9 Smeath (India) 6-3, 6-2 J Winnink (Holl) bit 9 Groen (Bei) 6-4, 6-4; B Black (Zm) bit J Paes (India) 3-8, 6-3, 7-5 Second round: J-P Flaumen (Fr) bit J Van Henrk (Bei) 6-1, 6-4, 9 Stotle (Aus) bit J Hestek (Switz) 5-7, 6-3, 7-5, J Stark (US) bit J Festerkein (Den) 6-3, 6-0. EXT/ORI (Merchander)	<b>4</b> J 106 <b>★</b> A4	●AK6742	White: Susan Lalic Black: Richard Dineley	15 B3 Nb6 16 Nf4 h6
1	BASOUE TOUR: Second stage (Lesarte to Geidalcano, 196km); 1, F Casegrande (IU Shr 12mm 01sec; 2, M Fondritest (II) earne time; 3, A Olano (So) at 2sac; 4, M Ganetil (Switz) at 4, 5, D Garca (Spi); 6, 5 Dela Santa (II) ati same time. Overall positions: 1, Casagrande 8hr 15mm 00sec, 2, Olano at 2sac; 3, Gianetti at 4; 4, Garca same time; 5, Dela Santa same time; 6, J Montoya (Sp) at 8.	Chuppenham 2 Binstor Manor Farm 0, Paulton 5 Westbury 2, Elmore 0	EINDHOVEN: World championship: Pool B; Latvia 6 Great Britein 5.	ESTORIL: Men's tournament: First round: A Gaudenzi (t) bt Y Katelnikov (Russi 1-6,	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •		Menchik Memorial, Newcastle, April 1996	17 axb4 Rxa1 16 Rxa1 Nbxd5
	Montoya (Sp) at 8. CRICKET	Mangolsfield 4. INTERLINK EXPRESS MIDLAND ALLI- ANCE: West Midlands Police 3 Sandwell 3.	RIFLE SHOOTING	Ergonal (swe) of M Brugatin (india) 6%, 6%. ESTORIE: Men's tourmanismic Train found: A Gaudianzi (jb) bt Y Kaleinikov (Russi) 1-6, 6-3, 6-2, S Pescosolido (ti) bt N Marques (Por) 6-3, 6-4; T Mustar (Austna) bt D Rid (C2) 6-1, 7-5; R Fromberg (Austna) bt D Rid (C2) 6-1, 7-5; R Fromberg (Austna) bt D Rid (C2) 6-1, 6-2; B-X and (For) bt A Gaussian (Ba) 6-4, 6-2; B Mota (For) bt A Gaussian (Ba) 6-4, 6-2; B Mota (For) bt A Voinsa (Rom) 6-7, 6-1, 6-1; J Novak (C2) bt X Kucara (Sloviska) 1-6, 7-6, 6-2; B Mota (Por) bt A Vanea (Rom) 6-7, 6-1 6-1, J Novak (C2) bt K Kucar (Sloviska) 1-6, 7-6, 6-2.	+B	F S	Sicilian Defence	19 bxc5 dxc5 20 Rd1 Nb4
5			GEORGETOWN: Tour match: Great Intan v Guyana: Tearns of sight (300, 600 and 900ydd): 1. Great Britain 1, 122, 114pts, 2 Guyana: 1, 119 107, 300ydds: 1, R Gooduck (Guyana) 506, 2, L Orber- Smeller (GB) 508, 3, A Tucker (GB) 506 500yds: 1, Euskar 506, 2, Orber-Smeller 49,7, 3, L Braithwaler (Guyana) 49,5 800yds: 1, Gooduck 74,11; 2, VCampenter (GB) 729, 2, J Dellar (GB) 71,1; 2, Gooduck 76, 3, Braithwate 71,7 Short-range agg: 1, Tucker 197,26; 2, Gooduck 79,6; 3, Braithwate 139,14 Greand agg: 1, Gooduck 147,17; 2, Brater 142,16, 3, Braithwate 139,14 Greand agg: 1, Gooduck 343,42; 2, Tucker 334,39; 3, Braithwate 34,36	(Cz) 6-1, 7-5; R Fromberg (Austria) bt J Amese (Sp) 6-2, 6-2; T Carbonell (Sp) bi K		10 18	1 e4 c5 2 c3 d5	21 Bab4 Od4+ 22 Kh1 Oc44
R	KINGSTOWIN, SI Vincent (on final day of threat): New Zastand XI 318-9 dec and 204- 7dec (C 2 Harts 55 nd out). West Indias Bugut XI 158 (S L Campbell 79, C L Cains	MINERVA SOUTH MIDLAND'S LEAGUE Premier division: Letchworth 1 Hoddesdon 4. Shilinoton 1 Lengtord 1: Arlesey 3 Milton	and 900yds): 1, Great Britain 1,122,114pts. 2 Guyana 1,119 107. 300yds: 1, R Goodluck (Guyana) 50 6, 2, L Orpen-	Goossans (Bal) 6-4, 6-2, 5 Mota (For) 6-7, 6-1, 6-1, J Novak (C2) bt K Kucara (Slovaka) 1-6, 7-6, 6-2, 8 Mota	Pass 2C(I) Pass 2H	Double 2D Pass 4H	3 excl5 Qxct5 4 d4 Nt6	23 Bd2 Qc7 24 Bc3 Be6
	3-29).	Keynes C, Welwyn Garden 5 Potters Bar 2. NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First	Smetlie (GB) 508, 3, A Tucker (GB) 506 500yds: 1, Tucker 50.6, 2, Orpen-Smetlie 40.7 3, L Breitweste (Gurdina) 495	(Por) bl A Volnea (Rom) 6-7, 6-1, 6-1, J Novak (Cz) bl K Kucer (Slovakia) 1-6, 7-6, 1, 6-2	All Pass Contract: Four Hearts by	South. Lead: jack of clubs	5 N13 e6 6 Be2 cxd4	25 Be5 Qa7 26 Be2 Qa2
	FOOTBALL	Premier devision: Letchworth 1 Hoddescon 4, Shäington 1 Langtord 1: Arlescy 3 Mitton Kaynes 0: Wetwyn Garden 5 Potters Bar 2: NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Eastwood Hanley 1 Kadigrove 1. SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Leyton Orient 2 Fulham 0 UNLIET SUSSEX COUNTY LEAGUE: First division: Horsham TMCA 3 Mile Oak 2: Ontword 2: Times Bridges 1, Pagnam 0	900yds: 1, Goodluck 74.11: 2, V Carpenter (GB) 72.9, 3, J Dalas (GB) 71.5, 600yds: 1,	1 0-2. HONG KONG: Men's burnament: First round: P Rather (Aus) bi J Hui (HK) 6-0. 6-1. D Phrosal (Gar) bi M Knowles (Bah) 6-3, 7- 6; M Woodforde (Aus) bi K Kinnera (US) 6- 3, 6-4, 8 Matsucha (Japen) bi M Tabbuti (Aus) 6-7, 6-4, 7-6, K Casteen (Den) bi C-U Saeb (Gel) 6-7, 7-5, 6-2. T Woodfonge (Aus) bi P Mytoon (Swe) 6-2, 6-2, R Kraticak (Hoti) bi Pan Bang (Chrina) 6-3, 6-0, 6 Pozzi (II) bi 8 Steven (NZ) 6-1, 6-2, H Dreetmann (Gar) bi A Othowskiy (Russ) 7-6, 6-1, P Samprata (US) bi S Lareau (Can) 6-1, 3-6, 6-1; M Chang (US) bi M Ondhuski (SA) 7-6, 6-1; M Damm (Czi bi B Karbacher (Ger) 6-4, 2-8, 6-2.	(t) Showing a sound raise to	safe way back to hand - a	7 cxd4 Nc6 8 Nc3 Cxd8 9 0-0 Be7	25         Be5         Da7           26         Be2         Oa2           27         Qc3         Nd5           28         Qa3         Ra8           29         Qxa2         Rxa2
	Tuesday's late results ENDSLEIGH INSURANCE LEAGUE: Pirst division: Leksester 1 West Bromwich 2;	UNUET SUSSEX COUNTY LEAGUE: First division: Horsham YMCA 3 Mile Dak 2, Dakwood 2 Three Bridges 1, Pagnam 0	Dalles 504, 2, M Kinglo-Stacowicz (GD) 49.9; 3, Goodiuck 49.9, 1,000ydst 1, M Brister (GB) 74.11; 2, Goodiuck 73.6, 3,	D Prinosil (Ger) bt M Knowles (Bah) 6-3, 7- 6: M Woodforde (Aus) bt K Kinnear (US) 6- 2: 6-4 B Materials (Japan) bt M Tehhuti	two hearts (the "unassuming	third round of clubs eventual- ly promoted West's ten of	10 Be3 0-0	30 Kg1 Bg5
	Luton 1 Stoke 2.	Portieki 0. INTERNATIONAL MATCH: Turkey 1 Azer-	Brathwate 71.7 Short-range agg: 1. Tucker 197.26; 2. Goodluck 196.23. 3.	(Aus) 6-7, 6-4, 7-6, K. Carlson (Den) bt C-U Steeb (Ge) 6-7, 7-5, 6-2, T Woodbrige (Aus)	cue-bid"). The jack of clubs held the	hearts.	11 a3 b6 12 Bc4 Bb7	32 B11 Ra4
50	Sunday 32 20 14 6 86 45 74	FRENCH LEAGUE: Autome 2 Bordeaux ();	Goodiuck 147 17; 2. Brister 142.16, 3, Brakhwaite 139.14 Grand agg: 1,	b) P Nyborg (Swe) 6-2, 6-2, 6 Kralicek (Holl) b: Pan Bing (China) 6-3, 6-0, G Pozzi (II) bt B Sween (NZ) 6-1, 6-2; H Dreekmann (Ger)	first trick and declarer ruffed the continuation. She contin-	The safest play was to re- enter hand first with a club	13 Qe2 Race 14 Rad1 Rie8	33 Nd6 Nd5 34 Bb5 Rb4
	C Palace	Nantes 0; Hannes 3 Si coomin vi	Goodluck 343.42; 2, Tucker 334.39; 3, Binster 334.36	bt A Othovskily (Russ) 7-6, 6-1, P Sampras (US) bi S Lareau (Can) 6-1, 3-6, 6-1; M	ued with a heart to the king, followed by the king and ace of	ruff. Then West has no dan- gerous discard on the fourth	15 Rie1 h6 16 Ba2 Bt8	35 Ra1 15 36 Ra8+ Kh7
G.	C Palace	Gueugnon 2: Martigues 1 Lile 0. GERMAN LEAGUE: Hansa Rostock 1	RUGBY LEAGUE	Chang (US) bt M Ondhuskel (SA) 7-6, 6-1; M Damm (Cz) bt B Karbacher (Ger) 6-4, 2-6, 8-2	diamonds. She judged well to	round of diamonds.	17 Qd3 Ne7 18 Ne5 Ned5	37 Bd3 Be3+ 38 Ke2 Kg6 39 Re7 c4
	Upseular         41         16         11         14         55         53         59           Huddridd	Strasbourg 1 Cannes C, La Have C Guaugnon 2, Martigues T, Liès D, Gaspanan LEAGUE: Hanea Rostock 1 Uerdongen 0; Schatte 1 Bayer Levenkusen 1; Karlsruhe 1 1980 Munch 1; Emizacht Frenkluft 2 VIB Studigan 2, Cologne 0 Beaustie Dortmund 0.	STONES SUPER LEAGUE Hallax 30	AMELIA ISLAND, Women's tournament (US unless stated): First round: K Maleeva	ruff the third round of dia- monds with the six of hearts.	For details of The Times Midland Private Banking	19 Nb5 Ob8 20 Bb1 Ba6	40 Rxg7+ Kin5
	Berningham 40 14 12 14 55 62 54	Bonussia Dortmund 0.	Gastleford 34.	(Bui) bt Lee (US 6-0, 6-7, 6-2: M McGrath bt J Kanderr (Ger) 6-4, 6-3, L Netland (Lei) bt A	How should she continue? This is the point I was	National Bridge challenge,	21 e4 Red8 22 8d2 8b7	41 Nac4 Bg5 42 g3 Bf6
	Sheft Utd 42 14 12 16 51 53 54 Sheft Utd 42 14 12 16 51 53 54 Givensby 40 14 12 14 49 55 54 Givensby 40 14 12 14 49 53	TODAYS	EXTURES	t Fusai (F1) 7-5, 6-1; H Zhubakove (Siovawa) bt N Arandi (Siovatea) 7-5, 6-3, V Ruano- Pascual (Sol bi L I, Garcia (So) 6-4, 6-1,	making earlier; the spade	contact the event organisers on 0181-942 9506 or write to:	23 Qg3 a6 24 Nc3 Nxc3	43 Bx16 Nx16 44 Ne3 Pxb2+
	Barrisley		Lowestoff v Wation (7.45); Woodbridge v Harvich and Parkeston	Fuezu (Fri 7-5, 6-1; R Zrubalove (Slovaka) to N Arandi (Slovaka) 7-5, 6-3, V Ruano- Paeoual (Sp) bt L L Garca (Sp) 6-4, 6-1. Second round: C Maninez (Sp) bt A Ternesval (Aru) 6-1, 6-3; B Scheit (Austria) to M Malaera (Sui) 6-1, 8-3, M Pierce (Pi) bt S Pitkowski (Fr) 6-3, 4-6, 6-3, ISpitise (Rom) bt P Hy-Boulas (Can) 6-3, 6-2, A Miller bi L Pichterowa (Ca) 4-6, 6-0, 7-5; J Husenova (Stousier) bi N Machaeva (July 8-4, 7-6, C Publin bi C Christeg (Rom) 6-1, 6-4.	entry is safe, the club entry is less so, because of the possibil-	Britannic Building, Beverley	25 bxc3 g5 26 Bxg6 txg6	45 Kf1 Nd5 48 Ng2 Rb4 47 h3 Nc3
	Port Vale	FOOTBALL Kick-off 7.30 unless stated	INTERINK EXPRESS MIDLAND ALL-	bit M Mateerva (Bul) 6-1, 6-3, M Plance (M) Dt S Pitkoweski (Fr) 6-3, 4-6, 6-3, I Spinea (Rom) M R Hweloway, (Can) 6-2, 6-2, A Millar M (	ity of an overruff. In practice,	Way, New Malden, Surrey, KT3 4PH or fax to: 0181-942	27 Chip6+ Bg7 28 Q17+ Kh7	47 h3 Nc3 46 Bx15 Bc4+
	11 12 12 17 39 56 48	ICHS LEAGUE: First division: Billancay V		Richierova (Cz) 4-6, 6-0, 7-5; J Husarova (Slovaka) bi N Machadava (Ukr) 8-4, 7-6, C	the declarer came back to the ace of spades, and played her	9569	29 Qg6+ Kg8	49 Ke1 Black resigns
2		Weekstone: Epson and tweet replay:	Janey featives from 10.15): Schop Auck- land v Banking; Jansey A v Hackney, Chillem	Rubin bi C Christen (Rom) 6-1, 6-4. JAKARTA: Worken's tournament: First	fourth diamond. West was able to discard his third club	Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in	31 Qxg4 Kx17	Raymond Keene writes on chess Monday to Friday in
	Luken	INIBOND LEAGUE: Premier division:	Gloubester v Newbury, Orpington v Thur- rock, West Conwell v South Oxford, Jersey	Aus) 6-2, 6-4; A Grossman (US) bi P	and now, after taking the	Sport and in the Weekend	32 Qxa6+ K18 33 Bxh6 Qc7	Sport and in the Weekend
	SECOND DIVISION: Bournemourn 3	ALLON TASLIFIANCE COMBOUTINE TO	B v Maidistona. English Schoots Jale of Wight festivel (from 10.15): Isle of Wight v	(Slovelsa) bt Park Sung-Hee (S Kor) 6-4, 6- 3; C Porwik (Gent bt C Morarlu (US) 6-4, 6-3;	diamond ruff, declarer had oo	section on Saturday.	34 Qf6+ Black resigns	section on Saturday.
	County 4 Bristol Rovers 2, Shrewsbury C	Avointiston: Bath v Newport AFC. PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First di- vision: Notingham Forest v Leads (7.0). Weitwehampton v Trannere (al Tettori FC. Weitwehampton v Station: Branford v Sunder- 7.0). Second division: Branford v Sunder- land (7.0). Postponed: Manchester City v Grandby	ANCE: Wilerhall v Bahvel. SCHOOLS MATCHES: English Schools Jerney festival from 10.15): Bishop Auck- lend v Barking: Garveshan v Piymouth v Reading: Garveshan v Piymouth Gloucester v Newbury, Orpington v Thu- rock, West Comwal v South Oxford, Jersey B v Meideanna. English Schools lale of Wight festival from 10.15): Iste of Wight v Lufor; Manchester v Reading, Hurtingdon v Sackoort: Brendv v Doncaster, Wellinborough v Hevent, Coventry v Pym- outh, East Corrwal v Blackools. Pethols Patoelieth testival (from, 10.0); Somersel v Kart, Donsel v Dunham; Surrey v West	JAKARTA: Worken's tournament: First round: N Kilimuta (Japan) bt R McCuillan (Aus) 6-2, 6-4: A Grossman (US) bt P Kamstra (Holl) 2-6, 6-2, K Studentowe (Stovelas) bt Park Sung-Hee (S Kor) 6-4, 6- 3: C Porwik (Gen) bt C Moratu (US) 6-4, 6-3; M Vento (Ven) bt A Elwood (Aus) 7-5, 6-2 Y Basula (Indo) bt J Lee (US) 6-4, 7-6, L Countols (Bel) bt K Po (US) 6-2, 4-6, 6-4, N Febar (Bel) bt A Unenho (Indo) 6-0, 6-1, L Wild (US) bt M Steck (Japan) 6-3, 6-4; K Schwendi (Gar) bt Chen Li (China) 6-1, 6-0	WORD-W	ATCHING	WINNIN	G MOVE
		Wowerhampton v Tranmere (al Teecid FU, Wowerhampton division: Bradford v Sunder- 7.0), Second division: Bradford v Sunder-	outh, East Commell V Backburn, Peer- borough v Rotherham, English Schools patientide factive from 10.01; Somerset v	Feber (Bei) bt A Limanio (Indo) 6-0, 6-1; L. Wild (US) bt M Seeki (Japan) 6-3, 6-4; K		113	Dr: Doumond Vacan	Sing Santaffedare 1
	THE TIMES	and (7.0). Postponet. Material and (7.0). Postponet. Gomsby.	Kent, Dorsel v Durham; Surrey v West Michards, Northants v Messeyside, Com- wall v Northumberland	Schwendi (Ger) bi Chen Li (China) 6-1, 6-0	Ву Рашр	Howard	By Raymond Keene	
	SHOP'S SERVICE	Grimsby, COMBINED COUNTIES LEAGUE. Pre- mier division: Merstham v Bedfont Vilang sports v Cobham.		POOLS DIVIDENDS	BUSHNELL'S TURTLE	A COGGESHALL JOB a. Old boys' nepotism	Black to play. This position is from the game von Freymann — Alekhine,	
	RACING	Sports v Cobham. MINERVA SOUTH MIDLANDS LEAGUE: Premier division: Langford v Royston Premier division: Holmer Green v New Senior division: Holmer Green v New	RUGBY UNION CLUB MATCH: Lichfield v HW Prisons	LITTLEWOOD6: Trable chance 16pts £278.40, 15pts £2.15 Four draws (paid on 3 draws) £79.05 10 homes £4.95 Five	a. The Galapagos turtle b. An inexplicable rout	h. Spick and span	St Petersburg, 1914. Alekhine was never afraid to sacrifice material speculatively. In this position, Bleck is a pawn down but has much greater mobility than his opponent, whose king's rook and bishop are still undeveloped. How did Alekhine wishly earthrilie?	
		BISOWELL AND COMEINATION:	(70) 	- aways £30 30.	c. A submarine	c. Something silly MATAPAN STEW	speculatively. In this position, Black is a pawn down but has much greater	
	Call 0891 500 123	ENDSLEIGH MIDLAND CONDUCTION Premier division: Knowle v Southam. Premier division: V West Midland Fire	OTHER SPORT HOCKEY: Women's International: Great	VERNONS: Trable chance: 16pts £13375. Ten homes £6:20. Five everys £1:20. ZETTERS: Trable chance: 16pts £29.30.	PSALMANAZAR	a. Leftovers	king's rook and bishop are still	
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#### SPORT / RADIO 46

## Bogus tradition is burning brightly

nstant history has always been one of the best events in the Olympics. From torch relays to flocks of doves, organisers have created traditions that seem to have been around for ever.

In this Olympic year, the longest relay ever run is already a dozen days old - and it will not be over until mid-July. That is when the Olympic flame - now flickering its way from ancient Olympia to Georgia - will reach Atlanta for the opening of the summer Games.

More than 10.000 runners are carrying the torch, first to ancient sites in Greece and then across the United States, in a ritual that seems to reek of antiquity. But the Olympic

torch relay is actually younger by half a century than its sponsor, Coca-Cola, and was dreamt up as a propaganda exercise for the Nazi Olympics of Berlin in 1936.

At noon on July 20, 1936, there occurred an eerie scene in western Greece that created an instant Olympic tradition. Fifteen Greek maidens, draped in ancient-style costumes, gathered at what had been the entrance to the great stadium at ancient Olympia. Using a large concave reflector, they lit a flame from the rays of the sun. A slender, deeply-tanned boy, clad only in tight-

fitting briefs, lit a heavy silver torch from the flame and headed off towards Athens.

Every detail was filmed by Leini Riefenstahl, who actually wanted the torch-bearers to run naked. The Greek peasant boys, recruited to run with the torches, were having none of it, but even so the relay became an instant publicity success. It had been dreamt up by Dr Carl

Diem, the head of the organising committee of the Berlin Games, who had roped in Germa-

ny's top chemists and engineers from the "The relay is Krupp company to design the torches. They burnt magnesium and younger than were meant to stay its sponsor alight for ten minutes. All went smoothly un-

til the relay reached Yugoslavia, where the torches started to splutter out in less than three minutes. The take-over stages were a kilometre apart, and, in desperation, the runners were forced to leap onto the running boards of cars to keep the flame alive.

Rumours, denied in Berlin, said that the torch had been blown out on the Olympic stadium together, subseseveral occasions. The cautious Dr Diem insisted that a spare flame, also lit at Olympia, should follow the relay in a ship's lantern on the back

seat of an accompanying Opel sedan. There had been an Olympic flame



at the stadium for the 1928 and 1932 Games, but the addition of a relay was an inspiration that captured the imagination of the public and soon built up legends of its own.

At the first postwar Games, in 1948, the lead-off torch-bearer, Corporal Dimitrelis, threw aside his uniform and weapons at the start in a symbolic tribute to peace. In 1952, the flame took to the air for the first time, flying from Athens to Denmark in a miner's lamp. It was not until 1968 that a woman, Enriqueta Basilio, first carried the Olympic flame. And, in Montreal in 1976, a man and a woman who carried the flame into

quently married. This year, the Olympic flame was lit in Olympia before a crowd of 15,000 that included Hillary Clinton. ft is now being trotted around Greece

as a focal point for the celebrations of participants in the relay - at \$300 the centenary of the 1896 Games in Athens, the first of the modern Olympics. But the real hype will begin when the torch reaches Los Angeles on April 27.

two-hour distance of an estimated 90. per cent of the US population. It will travel by foot, bicycle, train, horse, cance, steamboat, sailing boat and plane. This week it

was announced that China's first gold 'The runners medal-winner, Xu Haifeng, a pistol shooter, will carry the were forced to leap onto cars'

flame through San Francisco's China-town. Other specially it across the Hoover Dam and the White House lawn.

All of this publicity feast, and the sacred flame itself, is, of course, sponsored by Coca-Cola. Atlanta, the venue for the centenary Olympics, is where Coca-Cola was born ten years before Baron de Coubertin launched his Games in Greece, and the company is spending \$600 million [£390 million] to link itself to this summer's Games. In this commercial playing field, even the Olympic torches are for sale. More than 10,000

The Olympic torch is clearly some

thing of a collector's item. Joe Koilmann is offering on the Internet a torch from the original 1936 relay. It will be escorted by a caravan of in mint condition, for \$4,000. And, in 40 vehicles as it burns its way 1992, a Greek on the first leg of the through 42 states and comes within a relay from Olympia to Barcelona sat down for a breather and had the torch stolen from him.

But the tradition of the torch is not going to be knocked off track by robbery or commer-

cialism. The Olympic flame, like the Games, has endured and survived through wars, terrorism, drug scandals and boycotts.

Perhaps, though, the torch masters chosen "community heroes" will take should beware. Not all Olympic traditions survive. The releasing of doves has been a focal point of every opening ceremony since 1920 but, at the Seoul Olympics of 1988, the traditions of doves and torch came into conflict. A number of the birds roosted in the cauldron of the Olympic flame and were incinerated before a worldwide audience of hundreds of millions. This time, the entry of the Olympic torch will be as spectacular as ever - but the doves have been given the night off.

JOHN BRYANT

## RADIO CHOICE Sensual boost for beauty

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Frederic Leighton: An Eminent Enigma. Radio 3, 7.55pm A century after the death of Leighton, Victorian painter, president of the Royal Academy, and assembler of beautiful objects, some non-A control y and the second assembler of beantiful objects, some non-the Royal Academy, and assembler of beantiful objects, some non-aesthetic questions remain unanswered. Did he have affairs with married women in high society? Did he sire illegitimate children? Was he homosexual? Less pruriently, who modelled for him when he was he homosexual? Less pruriently, who modelled for him when he mainted his Venus Disrobing for the Bath? Accompanying Tim painted his venus Disrobing for the Bath? Accompanying Tim barringer on his visit to Leighton's London house, now a memorial Barringer on his visit to Leighton's London house, now a memorial museum, are art historians Liz Prettejohn and Christopher Newall. They explain how it happened that in an era we tend to think of as They explain how it happened that in giving such a sensual boost to an strait-laced, Leighton succeeded in giving such a sensual boost to an art movement dedicated to the worship of beauty for beauty's sake.

Analysis: Train and Prosper? Radio 4, 8.00pm.

Analysis: I rain and Prospect I turned to the starting point for Richard Cockett's inquiry into the links between education and training and between jobs and economic prosperity, is the belief that the 19th-century academic concept of education survives in the Britain of the 1900s. More specifically, education is still regarded as a social exercise rather than as a shaper of basic skills. Cockett's own belief is that a direct connection between education and training and economic growth has yet to be meand or oasic skills. Cockett's own benefits that a direct connection between education and training and economic growth has yet to be proved conclusively. By itself, he thinks, it would not create more jobs. What it could create is a highly skilled work-force capable of doing today's and tomorrow's jobs better.

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## Leading clubs will delay decision to make or break

#### BY DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

**REPRESENTATIVES of En**gland's leading rugby union clubs will try to buy time today before they decide whether to bow to their governing body, the Rugby Football Union (RFU), or to go their own way.

The first division clubs meet in London this morning, angered at the RFU's refusal to grant them the independence of action they believe is necessary in the sport's professional era. But the implications for them of a breakaway are horrendous. Barely able, in many cases, to support im-pending wage bills, they would be faced with running a paralle! game - with all the logistical costs implied - and would be obliged to deny their players international rugby.

"It is the ultimate. nightmare club v country scenario,"

Limited (EPRUC) on Tuesday has placed the clubs' backs against a wall. What follows will be the acid lest of the unity of EPRUC and the support from their partners in the European Rugby Clubs Asso-

ciation, formed in January. For, if English clubs are to contemplate a breakaway, they must carry their opposite numbers from Wales and

Richmond yesterday signed Adrian Davies, 27, the standoff half capped nine times by Wales, and Andy Moore, 27, who has played four times at scrum half for Wales, from Cardiff. Richmood, assured of promotion to a 14-strong Courage Clubs Championship second division next season, are seeking four game they represent. Yestermore players with the backday, Richard Mawditt, the ing of Ashley Levett, the chairman of Bath, suggested Monaco-based millionaire. France with them or be left with only themselves to play. Ireland's clubs have already agreed a new structure with their union, the Scots have been less involved in the endless round of meetings prior to the establishment of the European association. In

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any case, it is competition with France and Wales that the English clubs seek, both to enhance the quality of their rugby and to boost their revenue to pay salaries next season to players and staff. Implicit in all this is the role

of television. Without television money, the clubs are lost, which weakens their negotiating position. Although

they will negotiate only with them, there is reason to sup-pose the clubs have also been in talks and may feel frustrated enough to try and deliver the present generation of English players to the highest bidder, lock, stock and barrel. The imponderable for the clubs is the proportion of the

television executives have assured the national unions that

# souvenir torches will be on offer to

Phil de Glanville, the Bath captain and England centre. said. "The players are in an intolerable position. There is no question of a compromise not being available which would be of benefit to both sides. But there needs to be a lot of give and take."

The situation created by the RFU's refusal to concede negotiating and administrative rights to the English Professional Rugby Union Clubs



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that, rather than the clubs breaking away. Cliff Britile and the RFU executive committee were already splitting from the clubs. There is no doubt that the clubs see Brittle, the executive committee chairman, as the main stumbling block to progress. "Our representative at Thursday's meeting will not be mandated to disaffiliate from the RFU," Mawditt said.

"In fact, I doubt if many there will be, but he can talk in those terms if that is the way we have to confront the RFU." Against that, Symon Elliott, chief executive of Richmond,

offered the RFU his club's support. Richmond have played no part in negotiations thus far but they will be promoted to the second division of the Courage Clubs Championship next season and thus qualify for member-ship of EPRUC. "As a founding member of the RFU, Richmond supports them in their role as controller of the game in England," Ellion said. "I very much hope EPRUC and the RFU can resolve their differences."

But de Glanville asked: "How can the clubs plan for professional rugby without a guaranteed source of income which is not subject to the vagaries of a committee? That is a fundamental principle." At the moment, de Glanville has only his RFU contract, running unol next September, as his rugby income; Bath, like most clubs, are still struggling

to finalise their contractual arrangements for next season. There has to be a balance between giving the clubs the autonomy they want and commitment by the clubs to work under the RFU," de Glanville said. If ever there was a time for players and long-standing club officials to make their views known, it is now.



De Glanville: "nightmare"

10.00 Musical Encounters. With

Underwood outstrips the defence and secures the winning try at Twickenham

### Underwood sinks Navy

#### Royal Navy......12 RAF...... 14

#### BY PETER BILLS

RORY UNDERWOOD ensured himself yet another fixture to cram into the congested finish to his rugby union season by scoring the try that loosened the Navy's hold on the loter Services title Bt Twickenham yesterday. Underwood exposed some

shaky tackling to break past White and race almost 30 yards for the winning score. It meant that the RAF won the Willis Corroon Hibernia Cup, played for by these two sides. and gives them an opportunity to land their first services title since 1994 when they play the

Army next Wednesday. Until Underwood's intervention. forward might, exemplified in the bulky form of Bob Armstrong, of Bristol, seemed to have put the Navy on course to come from behind and retain their title.

Navy took until the second half to get to grips with a spirited RAF side. Once they had done so, they swiftly transformed a 9-0 interval deficit into a 12-9 lead, which should have been consolidated by their forward superiority. The Navy launched a series of tough, driving runs, which the RAF defence did well to repel. But after Lazenby's three first-half penalties at 25, 33 and 37 minutes, the Navy scored five minutes after halftime. Livingstone darred round the side of a maul to

put White through for the try. Crucially. Eyre's conversion hit a post. Sixteen minutes later, the

Nevy were ahead and justly so because of the stirring efforts of their forwards. Harrison won a lineout and the forwards mauled the ball to the

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Eyre's conversion seemed to set up the Navy for victory but it was the RAF, again prospering from their policy of spreading the play, who struck back.

(HMS Neptune), Col P Livingstome (R Stonchouse); LS N O Bartlett (HMS O Parius (HMS Montoce), Col R Ann-atorg (CTCRM, LRO G Hartson (HMS Wemor), LCol D Cross (FM Stonchouse), Capt C B Pattner (HMS Warrior), C/Sgt M Hervitz (FM Deal) RAF: Sgt S Lazaniby (RAF Coslord): SAC G Sharp (HAF Lodow Marror), Col D Morgan (RAF Settand), Col S Roke (RAF Whon), FR U R Underwood (RAF Coslord): SAC G Sharp (HAF Lodow Marror), Col D Morgan (RAF Settand), Col S Roke (RAF Whon), FR U R Underwood (RAF Coslord): SAC G Sharp (HAF Lodow Marror), Col D Morgan (RAF Settand), Col S Roke (RAF Whon), Son Ldr R Miller (RAF Whon), Jan Teah B Wilkerso (RAF Brze Norton), SAC F Taylor (RAF Northol), SAC L Daley (RAF Brze Norton), Jar Tech B Boote (RAF Coslord), Rh L Moore (RAF Luckow Maror), Roke replaced by SAC A George (RAF SI Athan, 40mn); Oekay raplaced by Col A Masbet (RAF Halton, 82). Refereer: C J Hamcon (RFU). It was a spirited end to a lively game in which just 700 spectators made a surprising amount of noise in a stadium capable of holding 78,000. Capable of Inchaing 76.000. SCORERS: Royal Navy: Tries: White, Cross Conversion: Eyre, RAF: Try: Under-wood Parathy goals: Lazarby (3). NAVY: Lt K B Eyre (CTCRM, LPT R Williams (FMS Redright), LS O Sibeon (FMS Retrinond), Mine C White (FM Deal), Mine & Brown (FM Deal), CPO I Fleether

#### WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 45 BUSHNELL'S TURTLE

(c) Cornelius van Drebel successfully demonstrated a submarine in the Thames in the reign of James I. But the first to be used in naval warfare was David Bushnell's Turtle built at Saybrook. Cont., in 1775 and used to attack (unsuccessfully) the British 64-gun Eagle in New York harbour. II was made of oak, coated with tar and looked like two turtle shells joined together. A foot pedal operated a cock to let in water when it was desired to dive, and two other hand pumps expelled the water to make the vessel rise again.

#### PSALMANAZAR

(b) Georges Psalmanazar, the classic type of an impostor. A Frenchman, whose real name is unknown to this day, he appeared in London in 1703 claiming to be a native of Formosa, at that time an almost unknown island. In 1704 he published an account of Formosa with a grammar of the language, which from beginning to end was a fabrication of his own. The literary and critical world of London was taken in, but his imposture was exposed by Roman Catholic missionaries who had been in Formosa. A COGGESHALL JOB

(c) Something foolish. It is said that the Essex Men of Coggeshall wanted to divert the current of a stream, and so fixed hurdles in its bed. Another (presumably Suffolk) tale is that a mad dog bit a wheelbarrow, and the people. fearing the wheelbarrow might go mad, chained it up in a shed. MATAPAN STEW

[a] A meal concocted of leftovers, and so called from the fact that the cook of HMAS Perth served a scratch hot meal during the Battle of Matapan. 28 March 1941.

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National Opera as it nears its 50th anniversary including Gounod (Rondo of the Golden Calf, Faust) 6.55 Live from Covent Garden: Arabella. The lest opera from the partnership between Richard Strauss and Hugo von Holmannsthal, sung in von Holmanisthal, sung in German. The Royal Opera Chorus and the Orchestra of the Royal Opera House. Coveni Garden, under Mark Elder. Act 1; 7.55 Frederic Laighton: See Cholce; 8.25 Act 2; 9.10 Between Heaven and Hell. A portrait of Jerusalem: 9.45 Act 3 5 Night Waves. Tony Palmer reports on the opening night reports on the opening night of Some Sunny Day, Martin Sherman's new play, and talks about Woody Allen's broadcast for Mark Lockheart's new group,

Week: Bons Barezovsky, plano. Liszt (Eluda d'exécution transcendante No 8, Wilde Jagol; 10.06 Charpentier (Acteon, excerpis); Onslow (String Quintet in C minor, Bullet); Benték (Casto activit d'el 00) 10.45 Italist film, Michty Achrodite 11.30 Composer of the Week: Schubert, With Paul Guinery 12.30-1.00am Jazz Notes. A first

RADIO 4

5.00 Six O'Clock News 6.30 Daning You Were Marvellous. Sandi Toksvig Is Marresous. Sandi Toksvig is joined by Tony Hawks, Nei Musarkey, Kate Robbins and Fred Macaulay
 7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
 7.20 The Billion Pound Radio Show Millennium Special. A comic look back at the creat homon points of the fast A comic look back at the great turning points of the tast 1,000 years. Written and presented by Andy Hamilton and Nick Reveit with Felicity Montagu and Jasper Jacob 8.00 Analysis: Train and Prosper? See Choice 8.45 Better Left Unsaid? A new series looking at six uncent letters begins with former armed tobber John Williams writing to his mother witting to hts mother 9.00 Does He Take Sugar? With Frederick Dove 9.30 Kaleidoscope (r) 9.59 Weather 10.00 The World Tonight, with Robin Lustig 10.45 Book at Bedtime. Stalln s Nose, by Rory MacLean. Read by Alistair McGowan (9/10) 11.00 George Meily's Owning Up, The last part of Joe Dunlop's dramatisation of Georgo Melly's autobiography. With Steve Steen, Gary Olsen and Charlotte Coleman 11.30 Utopia and Other Destinations. The environmentatist Jonathon Porritt talks about his personal vision of Utopia. () 12.00 News incl 12.27am Weather 12.00 WWWS Inc 1.2.7 alter vroating 12.30 The Late Book, Devil in a Blue Dress, by Waker Mosley (9/10) 12.48 Shipping Forecast 1.00 As World

### THE TIMES THURSDAY APRIL 11 1996

## Sharing the problems of finding a mate

f Jesus Christ was looking for a flatmate, would he mention in the advertisement the fact that he was seeking a Christian? Or would he just put "room for rent" and see who turned up? I think the latter, not least because the last person to consider himself a Christian was surely Jesus Christ. Such descriptions are for followers, not leaders.

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Nor is there much evidence in the Bible that Jesus, a man born in a stable, ever enjoyed the luxury of having a "spare room to let, suit quiet, professional, vegan, nonsmoker with GSOH", which for those who live outside the classified ads stands for Good Sense Of Humour.

These bizarre matters arise from last night's Modern Times (BBC2), a series which is oneven to say the least, but which on this occasion had me chuckling all the way through. But then the Goodness of my SOH is near-legendary.

The notion was to take a few of modern life. The days when a groups of people and watch them recruit a flatmate. This is an old idea but last night it worked an absolute treat. Of course, being on BBC2, the whole thing was based in London and the recruiters were all rather well-spoken young things.

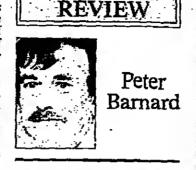
They included three chaps looking for "two girls to even things up". Three? Two? Even? Yes, 1 think I see. And there were three Christian girls, one of whom agonised at the beginning about whether Christ would say he wanted a Christian. She decided he would. There were also two girls, looking for a male. One thought the main qualification was, yes, a

GSOH while the other wanted somebody who "looked good in a towel". She even asked one of the interviewees if he looked good in a towel and he said - you'll be amazed at this -- that he did. Interviewees? Try to stay abreast

person with a spare room was pleased to hear from someone without one are long gone. Each of our groups interviewed dozens of people, one even planned to throw a party for all 40 applicants.

I liked the Christians best, in entertainment terms. The thing is, how to tell if someone really is a Christian? One chap told them, when asked about prayer: "When you want me to pray just knock on the door and tell me where to kneel." Thanks, we'll let you know. I also liked the Christians least. They seemed to have missed the point, which is that if Jesus had a room empty he would have looked for someone who needed a home.

arl Bridgewater, aged ten. was delivering a newspaper 10 Yew Tree Farm in 1978 when he was murdered, apparently having interrupted a robbery. Four men went to jail in a case



which entirely hinged on the confession of one of them, Patrick Molloy, who died in prison.

All have pleaded their innocence ever since and indeed one of them, Michael Hickey, turned down parole last year because he is

determined to stay in jail until he Itas cleared his name. Rough Justice (BBCI) returned

to the subject last night. The convictions have always looked and the "confession" made by Molloy was quickly withdrawn. Several independent inquiries have exposed procedural errors by the police and Molloy always said the confession was beaten out of

Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, refuses to send the case back to the appeal court. Yet there is important new evidence. This includes the fact that two fingerprints found on Carl's bicycle, which was thrown into a pigsty after the murder, were never matched: they did not belong to any of the convicted men yet this fact was withheld from the defence at the original trial. Rough Justice made a powerful

case and Mr Howard could do himself some good by heeding it. Last night's other highlight was a boost for the British car industry.

questionable, for there were no respecting thriller was without an vitnesses and no forensic evidence old-model Jaguar, often a Mark 10, which only had to offer a glimpse of its registration letter to tell us that it was about to be blown up. driven over a cliff or firebombed.

> ow comes Bodyguards (ITV). And here comes an old-model Mercedes. Man throws grenade, bang! End of Mercedes. And here, 20 minutes later, comes a car chase between a glearning Brinsh N-reg saloon and an E-reg BMW of a nondescript shape long abandoned. Whoops! The BMW goes off the road and turns itself into scrap metal. What a relief: at last needing a car wreck, the television industry

turns to foreign muck. Gleaming British motors come through unscathed. Bodyguards is billed as a pilot for a series, so there is time yet to have a Volvo reduced to iron filings in a chase against a Metro. When I was a lad no self-Aside from that. Bodyguords is

old-fashioned, routine stuff. It is all about the Close Protection Group (CPG) formed from a merger between the Diplomatic Protection Group and Special Branch, Or something like that.

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Plot? If you insist. Internal dissent between Christians and Muslims in small African country. leaders in London for conference, brave CPG types, including Inspector Liz Shaw (Louise Lombard) deployed to protect same.

Dialogue? You might call it that. Sound bites, really. "I've goi a source to protect." "Lucky man, I've got a country to protect." But I enjoyed the parting shot from the Foreign Secretary to Inspector Shaw: "Back at 6.30 please, evening dress, no unnatural bulges."

I reckon Jesus will be advertising rooms in a Mayfair penthouse before Malcolm Rifkind is heard to say that.

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BBC	-BBC2	CHOICE			
am Business Breaklast (71782)	6.00am Open University: Age and (denthy	Secrets of the Paranormal	6.00em GMTV (8957184) 9.25 Win, Lose or	As HTV WEST except:	
BBC Breakfast News (Ceefax) (94463)	(4133071) 6.50 Bloodlines. A Family	BBC2, 8.00pm	Draw (s) (7154169) 9.55 Regional		6.30am Fifteen to One (r) (Teletext) (5) (67492)
Breakfast News Extra (Ceeiax)	Legacy (8733275)	You either believe in unidentified flying	News (Teletext) (6978508) 10.00	6.25pm-7.00 Wales Tonight (309966)	7.00 The Big Breakfast (28091)
(7913188)	7.15 See Hear Breakfast News (Ceelax and	objects or you do not but either way Jenny	Batman - the Animated Series (s)	7.30-8.00 Wales This Week (782)	
Can't Cook, Won't Cook (s) (7139850)	signing) (4827898) 7.30 Christopher Crocodile (r) (7463966)	Randles has an intriguing story to fell. She	(6988985) 10.25 Cartoon (r) (1680459)	10.40 Strangely Scientific (784324)	9.00 Saved by the Bell: The College Years (r) (84459) 9.30 New Gamesmaster (r)
Kilroy (s) (1299343)	7.35 Charlie Chelk (r) (s) (9646701)	has devoted much of her last 20 years to studying UFOs and the curious role of the	10.35 FILM: The Little Kidnappers (1990)	11.10-11.40 3-D (884850)	(8421701) 9.55 California Dreams
Good Morning (s) (69879)	7.50 Peter Pan and the Pirates (1)	Ministry of Defence in tracking them. The	with Charlton Heston, Remake of the 1953 Oscar-winner about Scotush		(6735898) 10.20 Mork and Mindy (r)
News (Cesfax) and weather (6992053)	(Cestax) (s) (4890527) 8.15 Teenage	tale begins in 1952 when the Prime Minister.	orphans who adopt an abandoned baby	WESTCOUNTRY -	(6980343) 10.50 Tintin (r) (1173256)
pm Room for Improvement (s)	Mutant Hero Turtles (r) (Ceetax)	Winston Churchill, sent a note to his Air	and are branded kidnappers. Directed by	As HTV West except:	11.15 The Pink Panther Show (s)
(8770343)	(7938121) 8.35 Blue Peter (r) (Ceelax)	Minister: "What does all this souff about i	Donald Shebib (s) (44374701)	12.25-12.30 My Story (6906256)	(5691053) <b>11.40 Dog City</b> (r) (6849481) <b>12.00 The Legend of White Fang</b> (r)
Going for Gold. General knowledge quiz	(s) (4855625) 9.05 Mighty Max (s) (7903701) 9.25 F.O.T. (s) (7353121)	flying saucers amount to?" The result was	12.20pm HTV West News (Teletext) (6998237)	12.55 Emmerdale (3832817)	(64695) 12.30 Sesame Street (r)
presented by the dapper Henry Kelly (s)	10.00 Playdays (1) (s) (6991459) 10.25	the setting-up of a department in the Ministry of Defence to collate UFO activity.	12.30 News and weather (Teletext) (3624898)	1.25-1.55 Chain Letters (79258053)	(8706343) 1.25 Hullaballoo. Followed
(3821701)	(/) Star Trek (4296256) 10.50 The Tick	But its deliberations have remained fargely	12.55 Shortland Street (s) (3832817) 1.25	1.55 Home and Away (68365508)	by Alfie Atkins (r) (79256695)
One O'Clock News (Ceetax) and	(r) (1164508) 11.10 Randall and	secret and to Jenny Randles's suspicious	Coronation Street (r) (Teletext)	2.25 Vanessa (54764411)	1.55 Jimmy's (r) (Teletext) (c) (68356850)
weather (44940) 1.30 Regional News	Hopkirk (Deceased) (r) (8825053)	mind this could be sinister. Among her	(5065459) 2.00 Home and Away (Teletext) (s) (54761324) 2.25 Chain		2.25 Channel 4 Racing from Cheltenham.
(94570898)	12.00 Great Crimes and Trials of the 20th	witnesses is a retired fireman whose sighting	Letters (Teletext) (s) (54780459) 2.50	2.55-3.20 A Country Practice (4969148)	Derek Thompson introduces live cover-
Neighbours (r) (Ceelax) (s) (44672362)	Century (79527)	of a UFO in Cumberland led to a visit from two bowler-hatted men apparently acting for	Vanessa (Teleted) (s) (4019633)	5,10-5.40 Home and Away (2620530)	age of the 2.30, 3.05, 3.40 and 4.15
The Flying Doctors Double Bill	12.30pm Working Lunch (92099) 1.00	the Briosh Government	3.20 News (Teletext)	6.00-7.00 Westcountry Live (42594)	races (s) (64517966)
(Ceciax) (s) (59121)	Charle Chalk (r) (42826188)		3.25 Regional News (7880459)	10.30 Westcountry News (458459)	4.30 Fifteen to One(Teletext) (s) (695) 5.00
Playdays (r) (s) (1711256) 3.50	1.15 The Royal Institution Christmas Lectures — Planet Earth, an	Ellington	3.30 The Riddlers (8919343) (r) 3.40 The	10.45 The LADS (203169)	Ricki Lake (Telefext) (s) (8456689) 5.45 Terrytoons (975546)
Dinobables (s) (1791492) 4.10 The	Explorer'a Guide (4/5) (7) (5) (190256)	TTV. 9.00pm	Wind in the Willows (r) (Teletext) (s)	11.15-11.40 Power Game (168324)	6.00 NBA 24/7. The Los Angeles Lakers v the
Wizard of Oz (Ceelax) (2901343) 4.35 The Boot Street Band (Ceelax) (s)	2.15 The Andrew Nell Show (s) (7446695)	Chris Ellison, who was so good as the rough	(3074968) 4.10 Warner Brothers	TOTAL TOTAL CONTRACTOR OF A DESCRIPTION	San Antonio Spurs (s) (188)
(9500053) 5.00 Newsround (Centax)	3.00 News (Ceefax) (7874898)	detective Burnside in The Bill, takes on a	Cartoon (1) (5488898) 4.15 Mike and	CENTRAL	6.30 Roseanne (r) (Teletext) (s) (140)
(1013904 5.10 The Ant and Dec Show	3.05 The Natural World (r) (Ceetax) (s)	new role as a sports promoter and agent.	Angelo (1) (s) (2995782) 4.40 Crazy	As HTV West except:	7.00 Channel 4 News (701695)
(Ceetax) (s) (1219508)	(7857633)	Ellington (who, like Lovejoy, seems to have	Cottage (Teletext) (s)	12.55 Home and Away (3832817)	7.50 The Slot (769053)
Neighbours (Ceetax) (s) (152508)	3.55 News (Cee(ax) (2094072)	only one name) is another rough diamond, as he needs to be to prevent his star clients	5.10 A Country Practice (s) (2620530)	1.25 Chain Letters (79258053)	
Six O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather	4.00 Today's the Day (s) (343)	being nobbled by a rival management	5.40 News and weather (Teletext) (601459)		8.00 Africa Express. Toyin Fani-Rayode reports on how Uganda is gatting back
(850)		Developed from a rather unpromising, yet	6.00 Home and Away (r) (Teleted) (s)	1.55 A Country Practice (44653237)	on its economic feet and is now recording
Regional News Magazines (430)	4.30 Ready, Steady, Cook (s) (527)	highly popular, pilot which was screened 18	(141053)	2.20 Vanessa (54765140)	the fastest growth in Alrica, Beathur
Top of the Pops (Ceelax) (s) (3492)	5.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show. With America's First Lady, Hillary Clinton	months ago, Ellington offers action rather	6.25 HTV News (Teletext) (309966)	2,50-3,20 High Road (4019633)	Baker goes to South Africa's tirst big
EastEnders. Tiffany does Tony a favour,	(Ceetax) (s) (9138689)	than subilety. It is the sort of show where you	7.00 Emmerdale. Nick's anger erupts with	5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (2620530)	ballroom dancing championship of 1996
and Kalhy has a special request for Pat.	5.40 Carrier's Caribbean; Puerto Rico	can spot the baddies at a glance by the nasty expressions on their faces. Our hero is not	chilling results (Teletaxt) (s) (8188)	6.25 Central News and Weather (159072)	to discover why dancing has become so
(Ceefax) (s) (614)	(Ceetax) (s) (958879)	expressions on their faces. Our nero is not exactly a bundle of charm, either, but at least	7.30 3-D. Julia Somerville investigates what	6.55-7.00 Life Line (929188)	popular (5850)
Wildlife on One: The Dolphin Diaries.	5.55 Global Warning: The Weight of	he is on the side of the angels. A lampered	you can do when your locality is invaded	10.40 Film: Angel of Death (68558898)	8.30 The Real Holiday Show, Holidaymakers lake camcorders to capture their true
David Altenborough narrates this	Whates (879324) 6.00 Star Traic Deep	racing car and a washed-up darts champion	by an overpowering smell (s) (782)	1.40am Not Fada Away (4588386)	experiences (i) (Teletext) (s) (4985)
revealing study of dolphins filmed in the	- Space Nina (Ceetax) (s) (510985) 6.45	are the pivots for tonight's episode, in which	8.00 The BHL Sun Hill's CID team up with the Flying Squad to catch a gang of vicious	2.40 Shift (3750270)	
wild (Cectax) (s) (2140)	The O Zone. With Jarvis Cocker and	lan Botham makes the first of a promised	armed robbers (Teletext) (7817)	3.35 Customs Classified (5909015)	9.00 CHOICE Undercover Britain: Shabby Treatment (Telelext) (S)
Auntie's Sporting Bloomers. Teny .	Dubstar (s) (113430)	series of celebrity cameos.	ourse resears freedout (serif	4.15 Jobfinder (8673928)	(7324)
Nogan presents a took at the trials and	7.00 Watting for God (/) (Ceetax) (s) (4362)	Undercover Britain: Shabby Treatment		5.20 Asian Eye (1251386)	
ribulations of sports personalities (r) Ceetax) (s) (1275)	7.30 First Sight (256) N.L. 7.30 Now You're	Channel 4. 9.00pm		and rough mys ( 150 1000)	

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- (Ceelax) (6) (1275) 9.00 Nine O'Clock News (Ceetax), regional news and weather (4614)
- 9.30 Making Bables. A focus on Professor Robert Winston, who runs Britain'e busiest IVF clinic at Hammersmith Hospital. Despite being taken off.her first IVF after a potentially dangerous reaction to the hormone drugs. Tania is deter-mined not to give up and after 12 years of cancer. Rebecca's only chance is JVF
- and a donor egg (Ceetax) (s) (62695) 10.25 Golf - the US Masters 1996. Coverage of the 60th US Masters from Augusta National Golf Club In Georgia (s) (267324)
- NB: Owing to live golf coverage, the ing programme may change follow
- 11.25 FILM: The Incident (1990) with Walter Matthau, Susan Blakely, Rober Carradine, Peter Firth, Barnard Hugher Rober and Harry Morgan. A small-lown lawyer is hired to defend a German PoW who has been charged with the murder of the local doctor Directed by Joseph Sargeni (s) (547362)
- 12.55am By-Election Special. Live coverage of the results of the Staffordshire South East by-election. With analysis from Peter Snow (1093657)

> 2.00 Weather (5856096)

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North SOUTH: 7.30 Southern



Jenny Randles, UFO expert (8.00pm) 8.00 53555

Secrets of the Paranormal (Ceetax) (s) (1922) 8.30 Top Geer. Jeremy Clarke puts the latest Aston Martins to the test and Quentin Wilson reveals the results of the survey on three-year-old cars (Ceetax) (s) (9817) 9.00 Sykes. Cornedy with Eric Sykes (r) (2256) 9.30 Golf - the US. Masters 1996. Live

coverage from Augusta, Georgia (52091) 10.30 Newsnight (Ceefax) (226237) . 11.15 Late Review (834430) 12.00 Screen Firsts: National Achievement Day (50184)

12.30am-6.00 The Learning Zone

Talking 7.55 Our Roving Reporter WALES: 7.30 Dad's Army (256) MIDLANDS: 7.30 Midlands Report NORTH, NORTH WEST: 7.30 Close-Up

Fay Machiece, a former psychiatric patient, finds out how today's mentally ill are faring under the Care in the Community programme. Her answer is: pretty badly She is not advocating a return to Victorian hunaic asylums. But, checking incognito into privately run residential care homes and so benefit hotels, she concludes that vulnerable people are being horribly exploited. Her report is a catalogue of terrible food, filthy rooms and minimum stimulation. One care home promises music appreciation. Pressed by Macniece, the owner says this means a radio in the room. When she tries to approach him on other matters, he puts her out into the street Machiece may be highlighting the worst cases, but she offers ample evidence that the Department of Health's own guidelines are being routinely ignored.

Lost Contact Channel 4. 9.30pm

The woman from Kent Social Services says it is not their policy to break up families. She is referring to the case of Gill and her ten-year battle for access to her daughters. Josie and Ella, Now 21 and 16, the girls spent most of their lives with foster parents or in children's homes. Gill's contacts with them were severely controlled and rationed. For five years she did not see Josie at all. She seems to have a point. Yet Chris Curling's film takes neither side and tries to be fair to both. The girls, who had different fathers, were taken into care because the family home was judged to be unsuitable. Gill, who was herself adopted as a baby, admits that she was on drugs and had violent boyfriends. The story has a happy ending of sorts and Gill's hope is that the cycle of family turnoil Peter Waymark can be broken.



Chris Ellison is Ellington (9.00pm)

Action drama Ellington. Action drama series set in the shady world of

sports promotion (Teletext) (s) (7053) 10.00 News and weather (Teletext) (67782) 10.30 HTV News (Teletext) (434879)

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10.40 Getaways. Linda Ward learns to tence on a holiday in Teunton Summer School, Anne Gregg tours Brussels and Graham Purches samples a cookery and gourmel tour holiday in Cultompton. This week's postcard comes from Finland's Lake District (Teletext) (784324) 11.10 On the Line (884850)

11.40 Prisoner Cell Block H (292430)

12.40am Carnal Knowledge (1909744) 1.35 Not Fade Away. Kriss Akabusi selects numbers by Soul II Soul, Sade, Sting and

George Benson (s) (4543522) 2.30 Shift (17396) 3.30 Late & Loud (r) (s) (72893) 4.30 The Time . . . the Place (r) (s) (18763) 5.00 Garden Calendar (60638) 5.30 Morning News (88947)

As HTV West except: 12.55pm Chain Letters (3832817) 1.25 Home and Away (79258053) 1.55 Shortland Street (44653237) 2.20 Vanessa (54765140) 2.50-3.20 Surprise Chefs (4019633) 5.10 Home and Away (2620530) 5.37-5.40 Three Minutes - Crimestopper (886614)

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6.00 Meridian Tonight (546) 6.30-7.00 Grass Roots (898) 10.40 Film: The Dead Pool (28256091) 12.25em Music Box Profile (5305473) 12.40 Phoenix (1909744) 5.00 Freescreen (60638)

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(30572343) 12.05am Dispatches (5593638)

Josie, Ella and mother Gill (9.30pm)

- 9.30 CHOICE Lost Contact. One woman's battle to reclaim her children alter social services put them into care (Teletext) (92071)
- 10.00 NYPD Blue, Sipowicz and Medavoy exhume the remains of a teanager who disappeared eight years before (Teletext) (s) (280275)
- 10.55 Whose Line is it Anyway? (r) (Teletext) (s) (814350)
- 11.30 Rory Bremner Who Else? (r) (s) (369701)
- 12.10am Get Up Stand Up. Comedy sketches and stand-up, starring Malcolm Frederick, Chris Tummings and Angie Le
- Mar (r) (s) (1760947) 12.40 Dispatches (1) (Teletext) (4492638)
- 1.40 FILM: Just Us (1986). Australian drama, based on fact, about the relationship between a newspaper journalist, Gabrielle Carey (Catherine McClements) and a prisoner serving life. Teny Haley (Scott Burgess). Directed by Gordon Glenn (357657). Ends at 3.30

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SKY ONE

7.00em Undun (55169) 9.00 Press Your Luck (8632169) 9.20 Love Connector (8882999) 9.45 Oprah Whitey (4702184) 19.49 Jeopardyl (2848998) 11.1 Jessy Raphaet (934943(1) 12.00 JESSY Haphael (334330) 12.00 Bechy (32506) 1.00pm Hotel (41256) 2.00 Genaido (19873) 3.00 Court TV (3968) 3.30 Opreh. Wintrey (5701546) 4.15 Undun (9358685) 5.00 Star Tiek (3546) 6.00 The Simpsons (7237) 8.30 Jeoparch (1617) 7,00 LAPD (4275) 7,30 M\*A\*STH (80711 Auto LAP2 (42/3) 7.30 MATSTH BUTT 8,00 Through the Keyhole (4445) 8.30 Avenus Practice (2430) 9.00 The Commissi (93833) 10.00 Star Trak (83492) 11.00 Metroise Piace (68633) 12.00 Late State with Devid Letterman (7390454) 12.45am The Trials of Rosie (Chiell (8876152) 1.30 Anything But Love (27034) 2.00 Hit Mer Long Play (2555580) . 114

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Scot full of confidence that Masters challenge will not end in another near miss

## Montgomerie set to go one better

#### FROM JOHN HOPKINS, GOLF CORRESPONDENT, IN AUGUSTA

COLIN MONTGOMERIE starts the sixtieth Masters this morning with something about to be fitted on his shoulders. Will it be his first green jacket, to continue the sequence of a European golfer having won four of the six Masters played in this decade. following Nick Faldo, lan Woosnam, Bernhard Langer and José María Olazábal? Or will it be the albatross of yet another second place in a Major championship?

At his public school in Scotland, Montgomerie was taught modesty and British restraint. However, there is no hint of diffidence about his public utterances on these April days. He is, he says, as confident as he has ever been. These words may come back to haunt Montgomerie by Sunday evening, but if, after a second place in the Players' Championship two weeks ago in only his second event of the year, the man ranked second in the world cannot speak freely of his optimism and confidence on the eve of this year's Masters,

then when can he? There is one example that perfectly demonstrates the level of Montgomerie's confidence. It suggests that he can defeat the fast-improving Tiger Woods, who may yet become the first amateur to win this event, and a strong field of international players. from which Ernie Els may be the pick. He can beat the revived Jack Nicklaus, said to be hitting the ball enormous distances once again, and even one of those surprise American winners who have popped up week after week on the US Tour this year.

The example is this: each Masters is preceded by a competition over the adjoining par-three course. It is frolic at which Fuzzy Zoeller, Payne Stewart and Peter Jacobsen act the goat, hitting shots all at once, hauling a young spectator out of the crowd to play a stroke for them. No winner of the par-three competition has gone on to victory in the 72-hole event.

Such an omen carried no fears for Montgomerie. "Of course, I am going to play in it," Montgomerie said. "Someone's got to win the par-three and the tournament. It is just a coincidence it hasn't happened yet. Besides, I play better

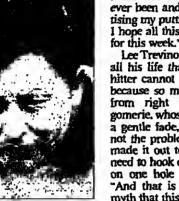
Show of mastery Today's tee-off times \_

under pressure. Hitting the first shot in the Ryder Cup was daunting. If I can cope with that, I can cope with anything. "Being a favourite does not make it any easier or more difficult. The problems arise if you're 222nd in the world, not second. For me, there's no

where the ball is going. To win here, you've got to be brave. At certain times, there are certain putts that need to be hit positively and

Woosnam: back trouble

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his attempt to win the Masters

for a second time. He has applied ice-packs and spent

hours on the treatment table

not worry about the one coming back. If you worry about the one coming back, you've missed the one you're Such words might sound boastful but, for once, they did

not have a hollow ring. Imag-ining Montgomerie's fair curly hair above a green jacket id not seem fanciful. At 32, he has come of age. As

he has lost weight, so he has gained maturity. As his drives have gained length, so he has increased in confidence. Losing 30lb over the winter boosted his self-esteem. Having his hands higher on the backswing has enabled him to hit the ball higher and further.

If he could be granted one wish, it would be that his putting could rise to the level of efficiency it was on the lightning-fast greens of Oakmont, where he lost in a play-off for the 1994 US Open. In golf, you drive for show and putt for dough, and it has been Montgomerie's putting that has stopped him from picking up the first-place prize-money. There is nothing I am

working on right now," he said yesterday before going out for practice. "I am able to draw the ball where I have to. I am longer than I was. My

hands are as good as they've ever been and I've been practising my putting an awful lot. I hope all this will set me fair

Lee Trevino has maintained all his life that a left-to-right hitter cannot win at Augusta because so many holes bend from right to left. Montgomerie, whose natural shot is a gentle fade, believes this is not the problem that Trevino made it out to be. "You only need to hook or draw the ball on one hole here," he said. "And that is the 13th. II's a myth that this course does not

lender enjoying excellent recent form but a recurrence of his back trouble could scupper



Redgrave to ship oars after Olympic Games BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

RUGBY UNION 46 MAKE OR BREAK TIME FOR TOP

ENGLISH CLUBS

STEVE REDGRAVE and Matthew Pinsent, one of the finest double acts in British sport, are set to go: their separate ways after the Atlanta Olympics. Redgrave, bidding for an unprecedented fourth row-ing gold medal at successive Games, insisted yesterday that it would be his last competitive ap-pearance. Pinsent, with whom he defends the coxless pairs title won in Barcelona, says he plans to

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carry on rowing. Redgrave, 34, who has also won six world titles, said: "I plan to retire after Atlanta. "I have been racing now for the last 20

ing now for the last 20 years and I can't see my-self doing another four years' training. "I am training hard for Atlanta to go the way we want it to go. Then I would be very happy, to walk away from the sport — certainly from the commeticertainly from the competitive side.

"If I win another gold medal and I am standing there on the rostrum with people asking if I am going to retire, I will probably say 'no'. But cer-tainly, the way I am thinking at the moment, this will be my last appearance

Pinsent, 25, said: "For both of us. the bottom line is that Atlanta is going to be a big change in our lives. We are both pretty convinced we will be heading in different directions. 'I'm about as sure that I want to carry on as Steve is sure that he wants to retire

Both men say their prep-arations for Atlanta are going well - with a suc-Redgrave moving

stroke and Pinsent switch-

ing to the bow. Pinsent added: "We are

both comfortable with it

and enjoying the change. None of us. including our

coach, knows whether we

are going to change back,

Redgrave and Pinsent

were speaking at the

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but admitted he was "stiff and sore" yesterday. "I have backache a lot, but I've had nothing as bad as this for about three months," the Welshman said after practice. "It's not the best time for it to have happened."



Montgomerie finds reasons to be cheerful during practice for the Masters, at Augusta, which starts today

## Silver to step down and sell stake at Leeds

BY DAVID MADDOCK

LESLIE SILVER announced yesterday that he is to resign as chairman of Leeds United, after 14 years. Silver, who is the largest shareholder in the club, said that he felt that it was time to "retire". He will be replaced by Bill Fotherby, the managing director.

In the long term, however, Silver intends to sell his 33 per cent stake, which will offer the potential for a bidder to buy a controlling interest in

Thompson, owner of Queens Park Rangers, has been floated as a potential buyer. Silver, however, said that there are several interested parties. There are all sorts of suggestions about who might want to buy in," he said. "None have got beyond the talking stage, although one may soon. "When I do come to sell my stake,

then there is no way I will let it go to someone who doesn't have the best

the club ranked among the elite of the interests of Leeds at heart. The change FA Carling Premiership. Richard of shareholding will not change the existing structure."

Silver, 71, has presided over one of the more successful eras in the club's history, guiding them from the brink of bankruptcy in the early 1980s, when he took control, back to what the club's supporters believe is their rightful position among the game's elite. His astute chairmanship, in tandem with the efforts of Howard Wilkinson, the manager, brought the Football League

championship to Elland Road in 1992, the final year of the competition.

His departure will raise further doubt about the future of Wilkinson, however, who has come under increasing pressure from supporters. Craig Whitington, 25, the Huddersfield Town striker, received a six-

month ban for drugs offences from the Football Association yesterday. Whitington was found guilty of misconduct after testing positive for cannabis twice in ten months.

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It will go to the British Olympic Association and British Paralympic Association for training camps, coaches and equipment.

The Amateur Rowing Association 'yesterday approved the extension of Jürgen Grobler's contract as chief men's coach up to the Sydney Olympics in

centennial Games.

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The Fridge still hamming it up Simon Barnes warms to an old stager

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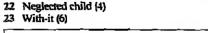
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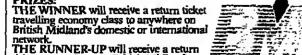
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who sets store by well-rehearsed lines he's gonna go out there, and

he's gonna play, too. Yes. but do you understand the rules, Gavin?

William "The Refrigerator" Perry was the fat kid who burst onto the national con-Er, well, he has been working on his assignment as sciousness in 1985. He played kicker, and therefore, as far as the rest of the game is conwith a rumbling exuberance: his great asset was momen-turn; and he won the Super cerned ... "Hey, Gavin," The Fridge said, "I played ten years in the NFL, and I still Bowl - scored a touchdown, don't understand most of the too - with the Chicago Bears rules." Heh, heh, heh. in his rookie season. And he

All right, all right. A clapped-out star in a half-cock was, is, huge. His official weight in the Monarchs player roster is "350-ish", the figure being pounds, and the "ish" being, at a casual glance, considerable. attempt to drum up support for a trumped-up league at an amateur-night lash-up of a press conference. No need to A total, anyway, of 25 stone plus. So there he was, doing get carried away. But, as I say.

we owe a debt to Perry, and we should mind our manners. For 1985 was the year of

Heysel. The football season ended with that dreadful night, on which 39 people were killed at the European Cup final after a charge on opposition fans by inflamed Liverpool supporters. Even football's complacency was shaken and our faith in the winter game was shattered, it seemed then, beyond repair. Every football match, even the

act of reading the football results, seemed set about with shame, misery and death. It was natural to seek relief. and it came in what was then



captain now playing as kicker for the Claymores. Apparently Hastings, left, and The Fridge come face to face yesterday

an exoticism: American football. The sport was shown in week-old highlights on Sunday evenings on Channel 4. Perry became an instant hero in a game, shown as the Monday Night Game in the States, with a short-yardage touchdown and two devastat-ing blocks that allowed Walter Payton to score.

Perry was great big fat kid having a whale of a time and, what is more, he had the best nickname ever. He caught the fancy of America, and was rewarded, as America likes to reward its passing fancies, with enough money to last the rest of his life.

And for us Brits, he was perfect. He cheered us up. He made sport acceptable, fun, fanny. Life-affirming, in short. The Fridge became in an instant a traditionally ludicrous aspect of the sporting round. He was part of national rehabilitation.

Perry played in the NFL until 1994, shifting to Philadelphia Eagles the previous year. But he wants his young son to see him play, and he is in Europe with his family as a sort of lionising vacation. Besides, you can never drag an old ham off the stage.

"We're gonna play smash'em-out offense and smash'em-out defense. We're gonna see some blood." Thanks, Fridge, Sure, it's a tired act, but we still owe you.

